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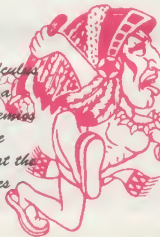
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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population (Mental Health Foundation 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the mental health needs of prisoners. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners. The Department of Health (1999) has also published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners.

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One of the biggest events of the year is Fall Homecoming. Many students chose to celebrate the 29-10 victory over MC Rogers with friends at the annual homecoming dance. (Westmoreland photo)

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Highway 6 says:

"The school year was very eventful and exciting, a lot of stuff happened. My senior year was definately not a disappointment," senior Nick Smith said.

Lipsynching during the encore performance at Airband is senior Hal Kilgore. Hal and many other members of the Varsity baseball team performed their rendition of the group ZZ Top. Through audience vote, the group finished 2nd in the overall competition.



The Banks of Highway 6: a place to explore your future

by Tracey Westforth, Kristine Rea and Sheri Conrick

Highway 6, a simple name for such a complex road. It leads freshmen into a new and exciting beginning and escorts seniors to the bright possibilities of their adult lives and bright futures.

The newest technological addition to the school was the installation of Channel One. The system was installed after a setback in the March of 1990 installation. Students viewed this 12 minute program at the beginning of first hour. The program was designed to keep students up to date on current events, such as the crisis in the Gulf that lasted from August until March.

One advancement from the teaching aspect was the addition of 10 new teachers and three new counselors. These people helped in furthering the education of 2,500 students.

Students also took advantage of the concept of banking at school. The Regional Federal Credit Union allowed students not only the chance to open accounts but also. (continued pg.4)

If there was one thing that the football team didn't lack, it was student support. Seniors Brian Arthur, Brian Reed and Joe O'Hara show their spirit by painting their faces and cheering at the top of their lungs for solid victory.

Constructing a float is a homecoming activity that starts before thoughts of homecoming crosses most student's minds. The seniors won the float competition as well as sweeping every other competition during the week.





Highway 6 says:

"The event that made the biggest impact on my life was the shotgun killings. No one really expected something like that to happen in Portage," senior Sean Corey said.

Doing his part by going around and collecting cans for the Thanksgiving Food Drive is senior Joe Falatic. The Student Council collected a record number of cans exceeding last years amount of over 16,000 can goods. (Rusnak photo)



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the chance to take out loans and receive discounts on such items as Great America tickets and cinema passes.

"Don't drive alone," was a common phrase among students in late September and October. This was the time that the infamous "Bump and Robs" were taking place. Students were warned against riding alone and were told to avoid taking back routes to ensure safety.

As the "Bump and Robs" calmed down, Northwest Indiana once again hit the newspapers in full force. The end of November brought us the Shotgun Killer. The killings hit close to home when a gas station attendant at Hudson's on Highway 6 was shot in a malicious killing. It was a common occurrence for people to see Chicago news vans driving around Portage or parked in the lots of local fast food restaurants.

While in the midst of the Shotgun Killing crisis yet another crisis was about to surface. The prediction of the Dec. 3 earthquake put many people in an uproar. The mad rushes to the insurance agencies for earthquake insurance left the agencies happy and the homeowners feeling secure. Fortunately the earthquake did not occur, but the scare was a learning experience for all.

When students enter these halls they are guaranteed a place to bank their aspirations and dreams until it is their turn for Highway 6 to lead them into the real world full of unforeseen ends.

The school hosted 16 student teachers this year. Mr. Steven Disney, who student taught for Mr. Michael Lemond, took advantage of the chance to get involved with a student run television show. Tee Pee Talk. Mr. Disney gives senior Jeff Bonez some helpful suggestions for improvement of the show. (Miller photo)

Senior Matt Witczak escorts senior Michelle Roque across the stage during the final competition of the Portage Young Woman of the Year pageant. Michelle was crowned and advanced to Frankfort for the state competition. (Miller photo)





Highway 6 says:

"To truly enjoy Prom you have to be there with someone you really care about. I had a great time," senior Suzanne Bumbales said.

Senior Beth Brechner was one of the many students who chose to participate in the Red Ribbon Week Drug Awareness parade. The Girls' Basketball team was one of the many groups from the high school that chose to march down Central Ave. Others participants were students from the area elementary schools and community members that chose to join in the fight against substance abuse.



Students and activities equal an overwhelming experience

by Tracey Westforth

On the Banks of Highway 6, students have a variety of activities to participate in, not only for their personal enjoyment, but also for the enjoyment of others.

Two activities that students did for their personal enjoyment as well as for others were the Fall play and the Spring musical. The fall production, *Phieffers' People*, had the largest cast in a non-musical presentation. It consisted of a variety of skits written by Julius Phieffer. The musical, *Hello Dolly*, featured 62 students, with junior Nicole Powers as Dolly.

The Prom, "A Night Made in Heaven," was sponsored by the junior class and approximately 300 couples attended. Seniors Cindy Pappas and

Milo Johnson were crowned Queen and King while juniors Heather Pike and Walter Sandoval were crowned Princess and Prince.

A Student Council sponsored activity was "The Bedrock Lock." There were a variety of things for students to do during the evening, ranging from swimming to a jalapeno pepper eating contest.

With all the activities taking place on the Banks of Highway 6, there was never a dull moment in Student Life.

Performing their rendition of the Temptations are seniors Dan Herring, Bernie Recio, Mike Alaniz, George Mamounas and Rob Rodriguez. The group performed the song *My Girl* and placed fourth in the overall competition. The group performed *For the Longest Time* as their encore.

One of the many awards given away during the Fall Homecoming pep session was the cutest baby contest. Senior members of the football team submitted their baby pictures for members of the student body to vote on during lunch hours. Senior Dan Dishno was awarded a certificate and a pacifier.





Summer

It is so short and yet so long.

by Jenny Westerkamp

Summertime is a time for relaxation and fun. Most students use these months to try and forget school and enjoy themselves.

Vacations are one way some people spend their summer months. Other students just sit around the house watching TV. The beach is also a place for people to lay around and get a tan. There are a variety of things for people to do during the summer and PHS students have taken advantage of many of them.

Junior Tram Nguyen, who has relatives and friends in Michigan, spent three weeks out of her summer there. Her cousin lives a half hour away from the border of Canada and so they also went up to Queen Elizabeth Park in Windsor.

"I went to visit her and she came

down here for three weeks," Tram said. "I plan to visit again this summer."

While many students chose to attend concerts in nearby Chicago, other students followed rock groups around during the summer. Senior Faith Wygle was one of them. Faith is a Belinda Carlisle fan and Carlisle was on tour the summer of 1990. Faith followed her all around the Midwest for three weeks. She attended concerts in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa plus a few other states.

"I spent a lot of money but it was worth it," Faith said.

Summer was also a time to work and earn money. Jobs were a good way to make money and get experience for future careers. Students also attained jobs to save money

for college. All kinds of jobs were held by PHS students including fast food workers, construction workers and lifeguards.

Junior Katina Pride worked all summer at Dairy Queen in Lake Station to earn money. She used her money to go places since she also received her license.

"My neighbor taught me how to drive," Katina said. "She taught me everything. The day I got my license I drove to Munster by myself."

The summer was a time to recharge the batteries again for school in the fall. Although many students enjoyed the lazy days of summer, many came back in August ready for another school year here on the banks of Highway 6.



Many people chose to attend the Nativity Carnival for a day of fun and recreation. Seniors Sherry Guernsey and Pete Gudinas attended the carnival together. (Evens photo)

Working to raise money for Pom Poms are Junior Amy Stanley and senior Liz Shield. The Poms sponsor the car wash during the summer to raise money for their uniforms.





Junior Ken Marrs spent his summer working at Big R. Many students took advantage of the summer months to make money. (Westmoreland photo)



Many students chose to get jobs from local businesses during the summer. Senior Andy Lemanski worked at Town and Country during the summer months. (Westmoreland photo)

One activity that brought summer to a close was registration. Junior Eric McCorkle pays his book rental as sophomore Marilyn Evans prepares his receipt. (Miller photo)



Homecoming

Seniors dominate week with an overall win in every competition

by Heather Lorance and Heather Griffith

For their final fall homecoming, the seniors showed enormous spirit by pulling a win in every competition throughout the week.

This year consisted of the traditional college attire, and red-and-white spirit days, along with clash day. Student Council added two new days which were slipper and babushka day. Spirit days were a good way for students who weren't directly involved in the activities to participate.

Another activity was the homecoming parade, where all classes showed off their floats. Also, participating in the parade were numerous clubs, the queen candidates and many others. Thursday evening was the pep session fol-

lowed by the bonfire. The pep-session consisted of routines performed by the varsity cheerleaders, pom poms and Indianettes. The seniors dominated the evening by winning the loudest class competition at the pep-session. Senior class president, Ron Aleman, was awarded the privilege of throwing a pie in the face of Freshman class president, Quinton Shorter.

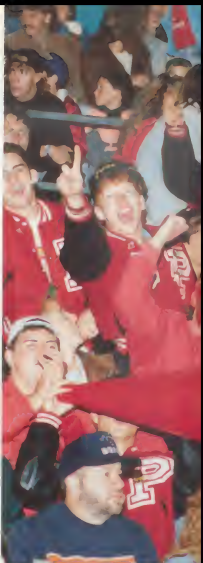
The week was topped off with a winning score of 29-10 against M.C. Rogers. The winners of all competitions were announced during halftime. Also, during halftime the marching band performed. A dance followed the game in the East gymnasium.

Also during halftime, senior Dina Fessler was announced Homecoming Queen, and senior, William Price, Mr. Football. Other

queen candidates were seniors Michelle Roque, Kelly Nabhan, Angie Foster, JoLynn Rambo, and Sherry Guernsey.

The seniors dominated Homecoming Week by winning every competition including class hall decorations and best class float. Juniors followed in second place and sophomores came in third. Also participating, were the freshmen.

Junior class vice-president Niki Garavalia said, "I loved the pep session. The class of '92" is the best! Our class has gotten a lot more spirited since we were freshmen, and I hope we get even better, so we can beat everyone next year as seniors. I felt a lot of unity when our class was competing and showing our pride."



Discussing the game plan while taking a break are seniors Mike Alaniz, Roger Peek and Mr. Football, William Price.

Quarterback Rick Yudt looks on, as runningback Aaron Penndleton fights for yardage against a Michigan City Raider.





The stands were packed at the game with students encouraging their team. Many wore school colors and grouped together to shout for their classmates.



Students showed spirit by wearing red-and-white, decorating lockers, and attending Homecoming activities. Sophomore Laura Alkire showed her spirit by cheerleading.

The Homecoming court consisted of seniors, Michelle Roque, JoLynn Rambo, Kelly Nabhan, Sherry Guernsey, Angie Foster and Homecoming Queen Dina Fessler.



Feiffer's People

Fall Play allows more students to participate than ever before

by Heather Lorange and Heather Griffith

After many long hours of hard work and practice, the fall play was put on. *Feiffer's People* took place on Nov. 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the East auditorium.

The play consisted of more parts than any previous one and allowed more students to participate than ever before. It was divided into numerous smaller scenes each having their own story.

Students participated in the play for many different reasons. Senior Lubna Khan said, "I wanted the experience of being on stage and acting."

Senior, Kelly Nabhan, commented, "I have Mr. Bodnar for acting and I really liked him. He encouraged all of us so I decided to

go for it."

"I felt the need to express myself on stage. I've also always wanted to be in a play," junior Darren Schmidt said.

As in every play, many long hours of practice were involved. The dedicated actors practiced twice a week for the first four weeks, then every day for two weeks after school until 6:30 p.m.

Junior Bill Hrdina liked the practice hours because it allowed him to be in other activities as well as the play.

Bill commented, "The best part of the play was the laughter and the applause. When you work at something real hard for a long time you want it to amount to something. The applause is such a rush, it makes it all worth it."

Junior Niki Garavalia, thought

the best part for her was "getting to know the other cast members better. I also liked the cast party after the last show."

Kelly said, "We weren't sure how the audience would respond to the play, so the first night when they laughed and applauded it was really exciting."

"I loved the whole concept of a play like *Feiffer's People*. The way you got to be a drunk one minute, walk off stage and come back as a man from the moon. It was hard, but it was fun too," Bill said.

A final comment from Darren was, "Anytime you get a chance to try out for a play. Do it! You have nothing to lose and you could catch a brief glimpse of fame."



Senior Rick Kinney plays an old, nagging friend who tries to prove himself better than senior Luke Fisher, but succeeds in making a fool of himself. (Crosslin photo)

Tessy, played by junior Kassey Perkins, shares final moments with her dying husband John Pritchard, senior, after he has been struck with an arrow. (Crosslin photo)





Ron Aleman and Ljubica Djordjevic, both seniors, play a couple walking in the park who have a fight. **(Crosslin photo)**



Dan Gue, sophomore, gives a monologue about an answering machine, which does not have any messages. **(Crosslin photo)**

Sophomore Andrea Hoover applies makeup to junior Dawn Canzano before her performance. Dawn played a ballerina who couldn't find a decent guy to date. **(Crosslin photo)**



Winter Homecoming

A tradition as time goes by

By Heather Griffith

It was another successful year for Winter Homecoming. This was the third year for the homecoming which honors winter sports, an event many students find refreshing. Winter Homecoming had to live up to the expectations set by the past two years. Many felt this year's was the best ever.

Senior Rick Yudt said, "I think this homecoming lived up to the previous years. This is only the third year of winter homecoming and it has gotten better every year."

Among many of the events that went on during homecoming week was the crowning of the homecoming queen, Sherry Guernsey. The queen's court consisted of seniors, Lisa Vogan, Kathleen Dujumovich, JoLynn Rambo, Sherry Guernsey,

Cindy Pappas and Kelly Nabhan.

The king was also crowned, the candidates were seniors Rick, Milo Johnson, Jim Kobialka and Dan Dishno. Rick was crowned king.

Princess candidates were juniors Greta Rondenelli, Jodi Ozbolt, Debra Fessler, Niki Garvalla and Heather Smith. Debra was crowned princess.

Prince candidates were juniors Erik Schier, Chris Haskell, Brian Gorgei, Chad Szabo and Walter Sandoval. Chris was crowned prince.

The highlight of the night for most students was the basketball game. The Indians rolled over Hammond Clark 85-38.

Debra said, "The highlight of homecoming was the game because we won by so much."

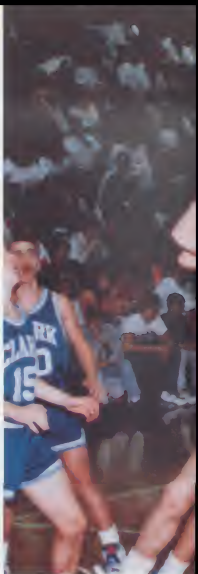
However, the game was not the

highlight for all. Events during and before the game stood out in many students' minds. Students dressed up during the week and participated in elected activities.

Rick said, "I got a kick out of watching Chris Haskell get crowned prince and having to wear that funny crown on his head. He looked just like the Imperial margarine butter man."

Winter homecoming has taken a while to catch on with students; however, it is hoped that as time goes on, it will become as much as a tradition as fall homecoming.

Debra said, "Fall homecoming is more of a tradition than winter homecoming. But it will grow just as fall homecoming has over the years."



Discussing an upcoming routine, seniors Kelly Nabhan, JoLynn Rambo, Brian Reed and junior Bill Wilson prepare to perform at the Winter Homecoming game.

Surrounded by the homecoming queen candidates, senior Sherry Guernsey accepts their congratulations. Sherry was crowned queen during half-time of the game.





Waiting for the rebound, juniors Chris Haskell and Chad Szabo help in the Indians' defeat of Hammond Clark, 85-38.



Looking for an open man in the last seconds of the game, junior David Joyce attempts to add more points to the board.

During a time out, Coach Greg Fisher gives the Varsity team some pointers. During these talks the team receives some strategy and a pep talk.



Variety Show

"Dirty Dozen Rockets" act main attraction of show.

by Heather Lorange

Picture this: twelve male seniors performing in front of a packed auditorium in shorts, dress shoes, make-up and blonde wigs. This was the scene at the variety show as the "Dirty Dozen Rockets" danced to "New York, New York."

Milo Johnson, a senior who participated in the act said, "My pals organized the "Rockets" and it sounded too awesome to pass up, so I jumped in with them and had a fabulous time."

The variety show hosted by Mr. Bill Bodnar, was held in the East auditorium on Friday, Feb. 15. It consisted of a variety of acts ranging from solo singing to group skits. Each contestant or group had to try out before the show.

Students were prompted to try out for the show for many reasons.

Junior Jennifer Shelton said, "At my old school I was always in the variety show. In fact, we already had ours in the fall. I have always enjoyed performing, and I try to get involved on the stage anyway I can." Jennifer performed a vocal jazz solo called "Pour on the Power" by Sandi Patti.

Junior Jason Alsman said, "The baseball team decided we wanted to be in it, and thought it would be fun. We put a song together and tried out." The baseball team sang "You've Lost that Loving Feeling," by the Righteous Brothers.

Sophomore Dan Vincent said, "I tried out because I love to perform and a friend of mine asked me to do a duet with him." Dan sang a duet with junior Jawed Javed called, "Go with a Song in your Heart."

Jawed said he enjoyed the team effort and hard work put in producing an awesome show together. He also stated he would try out again because he enjoys performing in front of others.

Junior Darren Schmidt said, "I really enjoyed performing in front of an audience and after it was all over, I felt as if I had accomplished something." Darren performed the jazz number "YYZ" by Rush and sang "Sweet Home Chicago." He played the piano / keyboard in all three songs.

Senior Kelly Nabhan performed a dance routine. She said what she liked best about the show was, "the fact that everyone showed appreciation for the performers efforts. I also liked the fact that I got the chance to get on stage and perform."



Junior Tara Denk and senior John Pritchard performed "The elevator skit," which was about two strangers trapped in an elevator together.

Darryl Locasto and Milo Johnson, seniors, were two members of the Dirty Dozen, a group of male seniors who performed a mimick of the Rockettes.





Students were required to try out for the variety show. Seniors Ron Aleman, Adam Jaworski and Dan Dishno check the roster to see if their acts made it.



Junior Rosie Sosa performed a solo tap dance routine. The routine was performed completely a capella.

Seniors Joe Warren, Adrienne Patty, Ron Aleman, Dan Dishno and Darryl Locasto were part of a skit called "Director" with senior Milo Johnson playing the director.



Spirit

School spirit: Not just decorations and funny clothes.

by Heather Griffith

An outsider might walk into this school during one of the homecoming spirit weeks and see some strange sights—hundreds of students walking around the hall with some of the worst matched clothes ever seen. No, they aren't all color blind, that's just one way of showing their school spirit. Dressing up during spirit week, supporting sports and academics, and cheering the team on during wins and losses are all part of school spirit.

Angie Foster, senior, said, "School spirit is not just yelling 'Give me a P,' it goes much deeper than that. It's a genuine caring and pride for your school and all the activities that take place."

Mr. Victor Racster, band teacher, said, "School spirit is an inner

sense of self pride and group togetherness. It is the drive to excel in all things and to be the best possible person, and it is wanting to be the best."

Students take part in school activities such as academic meets, JROTC, cheerleading, band and numerous sports and clubs. School spirit is very important to the people involved in these activities.

Heather Hegedus, sophomore, said, "In order to be a good cheerleader you must be dedicated at all times. I find that leading my school in spirit is absolutely the most overwhelming feeling."

Many students feel the same, school spirit is an important part of the school, it is the foundation.

Heather Smith, junior, said, "School spirit is when the student body joins together in unity

to support something. When we all come together without restrictions, and do some good, that is school spirit."

Spirit is not just within the school, it is also in the community. The whole community and the schools participated in Red Ribbon week. This week promoted drug free activities, such as a dance and parade. The community was able to be involved in most of the activities.

Heather Smith said, "I think students should take pride in their school and show that they care by getting involved."

When the funny clothes come off and the decorations are taken down, the spirit lives on.



Cheering the basketball team on to victory was one way sophomore Craig Spelce and seniors Robert Enoch and Caleb Zelencik showed their spirit. (Miller photo)

Team unity with a grasp of hands, brings out school and team spirit. Senior Mike Alaniz is among the spirited huddle.





Red Ribbon week was a great time for the whole community to be involved. Children from area schools participated in the Drug Free parade. (Miller photo)



A tearful good-bye after mid-term graduation, senior Hope Osizlo hugs another graduate after mid-term commencement concluded.

During Red Ribbon week there were a variety of activities. The girls' basketball team took part in the Red Ribbon parade (Miller photo)



Gulf War

Operation Desert Storm a Success

by LeeAnn Ashby

The day of Aug. 2, 1990 changed the attitudes of students and adults alike.

On this day, Iraqi president Saddam Hussein led his troops to invade his neighboring country, Kuwait. Hussein declared his reasons for the invasion as being to gain control of the oil fields and islands that have access to the Gulf. The main reasons for the invasion, however, was to give Iraq status as a dominant military power and to establish control of the Middle East.

The same day, President Bush sent troops to Saudi Arabia to protect the nation's border and to influence Hussein out of Kuwait. This U.S. display of protection was known as Operation Desert Shield.

Hussein's intrusion caused an intense increase in oil prices.

Through the months of September and October the price per barrel reached up to \$40. Area gasoline prices fluctuated between \$1.10 and \$1.35. This rise gave Americans yet another reason to be concerned with the events in the Gulf.

For nearly six months the U.S. soldiers were in waiting for some sort of action in the Gulf. On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1991, they were given action. At 5:50 p.m. (CST) the United States began bombing Iraq with F15 fighter-bombers. This sparked Operation Desert Storm.

Few casualties were reported throughout the war, however, some American hostages were captured but released when the war ended.

Many citizens displayed yellow ribbons on their clothes, trees, cars,

or other belongings, along with pro-patriotism banners and American flags. As with any event, there were those who disagreed with the reasons for U.S. involvement. Protesters with signs like "No Blood For Oil" filled the streets of Chicago and other big cities displaying their contempt for the war. For the most part however, the soldiers did have the support of their friends and families behind them.

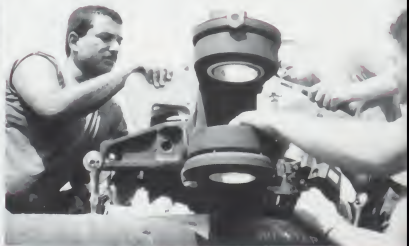
One of the major events throughout the war was when Iraqi spilled gallons of oil into the Gulf causing a several mile-long oil slick along the coast of Saudi Arabia.

Close to the end of the war, Iraqi soldiers began surrendering in the hundreds. Finally, after 100 hours of ground battle, Hussein surrendered his nation and agreed to take claim off of Kuwait.



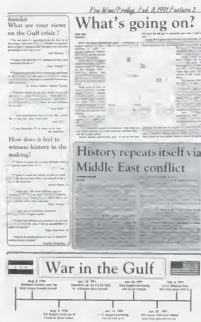
This Harrier Jump Jet was used in bombing Kuwait during the Gulf War. Former PHS student, Robert Krueger, was a sailor aboard the ship and took the picture.

Former PHS student Lewis Thomasino (class of '87) who was stationed in Saudi, tightens the nuts on the motorhead of Chinook helicopter.

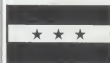




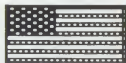
Americans were encouraged to show their support for the troops by wearing yellow ribbons. Junior Chris Rogers' art was used in the Pow Wow to encourage these signs of support.



During the War, the Pow Wow attempted to bring the crisis home to the Indians. Various pieces of art and information appeared during the three months.



War in the Gulf



Aug. 2, 1990
Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi troops invade Kuwait

Aug. 3, 1990
U.S. begins build-up of troops in Saudi Arabia

Jan. 15, 1991
Deadline set by U.S. and the United Nations for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait

Jan. 16, 1991
U.S. begins bombing Iraq at 5:50 p.m.

Jan. 30, 1991
Ground War between Allies and Iraqis begins

Feb. 27, 1991
War ends with the surrender of Iraqi troops

Air Band

Another great year of lip synching

by Heather Griffith

It was another exciting year for the long awaited Air Band competition. Over 20 groups, ranging from country to hard rock to the abnormal, participated in the contest.

The Oak Ridge Boys, which consisted of seniors Joe Warren, Dan Dishno, Troy Rose, Darryl Locasto and Adam Jaworski, placed first with their rendition of "Elvira."

The Varsity Baseball team, also known as ZZ Top, placed second with their version of "Legs." The team dressed in skirts and added a little makeup to their act.

Moving to the abnormal, They Might Be Giants, consisted of seniors Bryan Reed, Jeff Thomas, Dave Putman, Thad Hadley, Mike Francesconi and junior Eric

McCorkle. The group placed third. Their encore performance, "Fish Heads," caught the attention of many.

Junior Julie Erdei said, "My favorite band was They Might Be Giants, because they were different from the others."

Turning back the clock were the fourth place group, The Temptations. The group was made up of seniors Bernie Recio, Dan Herring, Robert Rodriguez, Mike Alaniz and George Mamounas.

An honorable mention was given to freshmen Jennifer Mariani, Vanessa Roldan and Melissa Tarin for the performance of Bell Biv DeVoe's "Poison."

The Village People, graduates from last year, came back for a surprise performance of their first place song, "YMCA."

Air Band was full of surprises this year. The crowd was surprised by the return performance of the Village People, and by the controversy about the groups that were picked.

The styles of the groups ranged immensely. All different tastes were satisfied with the music for the contest. The styles were pop, rap, country, oldies and ones that do not really fall in a specific category.

Students find the fun of air band just basically watching their friends and fellow classmates dress up and have a good time on the stage.

Julie said, "The best part of air band is watching your friends on stage acting crazier than you have ever seen them."



Playing the guitar during an encore performance is senior Mike Gapinski. The group, composed of the Varsity baseball team, placed second with ZZ Top's "Legs."

Cheering a return performance of the Village People are juniors Melissa and Melanie Johnson. The Village People came in first last year.





The Oak Ridge Boys perform "The Banana Boat Song" for their encore performance. Senior Darryl Locasto sings the lead vocals. The group placed first.



"Particle man," senior Mike Francesconi, lip syncs to the song by They Might Be Giants. They came in third place overall.

As the opening to their act, senior Scott Vuko, a.k.a. Vanilla Ice, is carried off stage by Public Enemy members seniors Shaun Mallette and Roger Peek.



Hello Dolly

Spring Musical big hit with both actors and community.

by **Adrienne C. Patty and Heather Loran**

Hello Dolly. Those words were heard throughout the halls from December to May and with a cast and crew of nearly 100 for the spring musical there was good reason. Posters were spread throughout the school, announcements were made and an article was printed in the Portage Journal to help promote the show.

Auditions were held in early December and the cast received scripts before Christmas vacation. They practiced five days a week, for two or three hours a day until the play was presented on May 10-12.

Nicole Power, sophomore, played the role of Dolly Levi, a meddling busybody who plays cu-

pid to Horace Vandergelder (Luke Fisher, senior), the half-a-millionaire from Yonkers, New York.

She sets him up with Mrs. Irene Molloy (Jennifer Sheldon, junior) and Ernestina Money (Adrienne Patty), neither of whom he likes. Through the whole ordeal, Dolly has her own plans for Horace, she wants to marry him herself. Mrs. Molloy ends up with one of Horace's two chief clerks Cornelius Hackle and Barnaby Tucker (juniors Josh Jordan and Bill Hrdina).

"It was an awesome show, one of the best we've ever done. I went out for the show because after three years of being backstage, I wanted to be on stage," John Pritchard, senior said.

Shannon Smith, senior, said, "After working on a show for six

months, you realize how good it really is when you get three standing ovations."

Junior Darren Schmidt said, "What I liked best about the play was the friendships I made. Being an actor isn't just performing on stage, but the fun I have preparing for that performance."

The chorus had five numbers, "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Before the Parade Passes By," "I Put my Hand in Here," "Call on Dolly," "It Takes a Woman," and "Hello Dolly," all choreographed by Jenny Ozbolt, senior.

All of the costumes for the show were designed and hand made by Stanlee Hodgeson and her crew.

Each day the play received standing ovations from the packed auditorium at PHS.



Juniors Jennifer Shelton and (Mrs. Irene Molloy) and Carrie Martin (Minnie Fay) have a friendly chat in Mrs. Molloy's Hat Shop.

Senior Jason Odell and sophomore Tara Denk sing and dance to the number "Put on your Sunday Clothes."





Senior Luke Fisher
(Vandergilder) and sophomore
Nicole Power (Dolly) discuss his
prospective date.



Long hours of hard work were
put in before the show could be put
on. Freshman Tara Hoots worked
back stage as a prop girl. Corey
Donelli, freshman, also helped with
props to see that everything was in
place.

A chorus of males led by
senior Luke Fisher, sing and dance
to "It Takes a Woman" in
Vandergilder's Feed and Grain
Store.



Prom

"A Night Made in Heaven" huge success

by Heather Lorange

Picture this. Couple after couple of students on their best behavior dressed to the max. This was the scene as students paraded into the Expo Center in Valparaiso for the 1991 prom, "A Night Made in Heaven."

Arrival time for the evening was 6-7 p.m., dinner was served at 7 p.m., dancing began at 8 p.m. and lasted until 12 a.m. The coronation of the king and queen was at 10 p.m., and the garter ceremony directed by Mr. Dan Merrill was at 11 p.m.

Nominees for king were Rick Yudi, Joe Warren, Adam Jaworski, Milo Johnson and Dan Dishno. Queen nominees were JoLynn Rambo, Michelle Roque, Cindy Pappas, Karen Flash and Lisa Vogan. Prince nominees were

Walter Sandoval, Dave Saviola, Ronnie Stanley, Chris Haskell and Chad Szabo. Nominees for princess were Heather Pike, Trinity Brindza, Niki Garavalia, Greta Rondinelli and Melissa Lockwood. The winners were king Milo Johnson, queen Cindy Pappas, prince Walter Sandoval and princess Heather Pike.

Students spent a great deal of money to attend the prom. Senior Christine Nevil spent approximately \$500. She claimed it was worth it because "it's a time you'll never forget." Her advice to people attending future proms is to "go and go all out!"

Senior Sharon Gasper spent around \$300. She said it was worth it because "I won't get to go to another one. It was part of my memories of PHS for when I graduate."

Junior Jeff Kimbrough also spent about \$300. He felt the best part about Prom was the garter ceremony.

Many students made a week-end of Prom. They attended a variety of places the next day. Senior Jennifer DePorter went to Chicago with her date. She said if she could change anything about prom it would be "the food."

Senior Glen Bruncker went to Brookfield Zoo the day after. Glen said he would change the cold weather if he could.

Senior Mark Click went to Great America afterwards. He thought the best part about prom was "getting all dressed up and taking my uncle's Corvette."

Jennifer added she definitely felt prom was worth it "because it is an experience that everyone should have during life."



Seniors Milo Johnson and ***Cindy Pappas*** were crowned Prom king and queen. Junior ***Walter Sandoval*** was prince and ***Heather Pike***, junior, was princess.

Many students attended prom with their boyfriend/girlfriend. This couple, ***Jeff Thomas*** and ***Angie Foster***, both seniors, enjoyed a dance together.





Former student Gene Molnar shakes hands with Mr. Ralph Mundt as he and his date junior Shannon Foley are announced.



The garter ceremony was a big hit with many couples. Senior Tony Cardenas proudly displays his date junior Angie McClean's garter.

Entering prom in style, this group of students walk toward the door of the Expo Center for their "Night in Heaven."



Intramural Sports

A great way to spend time with friends after school

by Heather Lorange

It's 2:35 p.m. Monday and you've survived the entire day of school, but now what? The Flintstones don't come on for another 25 minutes, you're refrigerator is empty and you're definitely not going to start on your homework. The perfect solution—intramural sports.

Intramurals are an alternative to playing varsity sports, but many students play them just for fun. Junior Steve Shaw said compared to regular sports they are "a lot more fun because you don't take them as serious."

There are a variety of intramurals offered at PHS, such as bowling, softball, ping-pong, volleyball and basketball. They occur two or three nights a week for a few months and end with a tournament. Students

enjoy making up wild and crazy names for their teams. Steve played both intramural softball and basketball. His team names were "I do everything in my BVD's" and "Down Town Slamming Jamming Shlanners." His softball team won the tournament.

Junior John Adamski's bowling team was named "Soul Glo." He said the reason he played intramurals was "everyone on my team was on a sport that wasn't in season. We wanted to do something out of season."

Freshman Susan Dicken said the best thing about intramural volleyball was the fact that she made some new friends. Their team played about three times a week. She said, "We also wanted to play out of season too, we wanted to brush up on our skills."

Junior Billie Humphries played

intramural bowling because "PHS doesn't offer bowling as a varsity sport." The name of his team was "Peanuts" which his sister came up with.

Senior Luke Fisher played basketball. His team "Ringworm" was undefeated until a disappointing loss in the tournament. He said the best part about playing intramurals was being with friends and the competition.

Practices for intramurals varied from sport to sport. Bowling played about once a week at Camelot Lanes, softball and basketball played about twice a week, and volleyball played about three times a week.

Intramurals are a great alternative to varsity sports. Not only do they require less time and involve more people, they are a more relaxed atmosphere.



Junior Dennis Guernsey and Senior Sean Corey participated in intramural bowling. His team "The Disciples of Gwar" placed first in their division and fourth overall.





Dribbling down the court, freshman Trina Malangoni is chased by freshman Jessica Frencl during an intramural basketball game.



Senior Chris Shoppa concentrates on his serve to try to help his team, "The Scudbusters" win. He thought the best part of intramurals was "being the worst team and coming out second."

Attempting a shot, freshman Melissa Tarin tries to help her intramural basketball team reach a victory.



Graduation

A look back at the lives of the Class of 1991.

by Heather Lorange

Friday, June 7, 1991, the evening that seniors have waited their lifetimes for, graduation.

The program began at 7:30 p.m. in the football field bleachers with rays of sun beating down on the graduates as they took their final steps on the grounds of PHS. The prelude was performed by the concert band, following was the processional where 510 graduating seniors marched forward for their moment of glory. The Baccalaureate Address was given by Associate Pastor/Youth Gregory Tucker of Portage, First Church of the Nazarene. Senior Joe Coons gave the Salutatory Address followed by Valedictorian Ben Rodger's address. Principal Forrest L. Rhode gave the Presentation of Class, followed by the Presentation

of Diplomas by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Bivens. Bivens was assisted by the Portage Township Board of School Trustees and Dr. George McKay, Assistant Superintendent. The Benediction followed, also given by Greg Tucker. Next was the Recessional of Class of 1991 and the Postlude given by the Concert Band.

Throughout their four years, the seniors saw a variety of both world and local events. Their freshman year was marked by a five day teacher strike during a bitter cold winter. The cutting of the summer school program, and the controversial decision to outlaw skateboarding in public places marked their sophomore year. Student Council received their chance to shine their junior year when the Council hosted the Student State Council Convention. Also, the Ber-

lin Wall fell that year. Senior year was marked by the war in the Gulf, the area shotgun killer, the education budget cut proposal and the introduction of Channel 1.

Of the 510 graduating seniors each will move forward and take what he has gained on the Banks of Highway 6 to start a new and unique life. Senior Jason Maxwell said the two things he will remember most about PHS is "the Lifeguarding classes and goofing around in the pool, also playing football as a sophomore when we beat Hobart in the Brickie Bowl in front of 9,000 people." Jason's future plans include attending the University of Miami to study international finance and marketing, making a lot of money, and possibly entering a later career as a politician to become a U.S. Senator.



Seniors Michelle Roque, Valedictorian Ben Rodgers, and Salutatorian Joe Coons listen and wait patiently to receive their diplomas.

Senior Sean Ashby shakes Dr. Donald Biven's, Superintendent of Schools', hand as he receives his diploma.





Taking their final walk together, the Class of 91 enters the football field to begin the graduation ceremony.

Welcoming audience members Principal Forrest L. Rhode begins commencement exercises.

Assistant Principal Mike Pavell gives students last minute instructions before mid-term graduation in January.



Relationships

A look at longlasting friendships and relationships

By Caryn Peterson

Possibilities. Oh yes, those little things are definitely endless. The word possibility usually means capable of existing or something that can happen. Many situations propose opportunities and possibilities. Relationships are a major possibility to people of all ages. Whether a relationship is between friends or bonded by intimacy, it is a new horizon for the term possibility.

Almost every person in the world deals with a relationship on a day to day basis. This can be a friendly encounter or a loving endeavor. One of the many questions that people ask is, "Is it possible for a guy and a girl to be friends and nothing more?" Junior Chris Howell said, "Yes, because you don't have to do anything to be

good friends." On the other hand sophomore Suzanne Hein said, "No, because they will start liking each other, then they'll go out and break up and end up hating each other."

There are different views on all types of relationships, but many people agree that friendship relationships are quite important. Senior Joel Crozier said, "People need friends to talk to and hang out with." Senior Chance Hodges said, "It is important to have someone you can always count on and always trust."

Having a friend is quite special but having a best friend is much deeper. Best friends are reliable people which a person could easily understand. These people possess similar qualities, values and enjoy spending a great deal of time with each other. Friends seem to

be supportive and have similar thoughts, ideas and desires. Junior Angie Dailey said, "I have a best friend and I like the fact that we are a lot alike and that she is always there for me."

A question that has been in the minds of many for decades is, "What attracts you to another person?" Senior Robert Enochs said, "A person that has beautiful eyes, a nice smile and a great personality."

Well, because of some strange powerful force in the universe people are attracted toward others. The explanation of a yearning compassion or lust for another may never be found. So, if there is no hypothesis or conclusion for this common problem then that is fine. People will find a cure for themselves, even if that means scoping out the opposite sex.



Some of the best friendships are made at after school activities. This group chose to sit together in a student block to cheer on the basketball team.

The winter semi-formal, "A Christmas to Remember," was a great place to build a stronger relationship. Joe Martin and senior Denise Cole attended to dance together.



Great relationships began on the Banks of Highway 6. Junior Dennis Flannagan enjoyed spending his time between classes with his girlfriend, senior Tammi Tharp.



Going to games and attending dances were very popular activities for couples. Seniors Lisa Vogan and Dan Dishno won first place in the couples category in a contest at the Winter Homecoming Dance.

Friendships can be made by having similar classes in school. Juniors Debbie Beddome, Patience Schutz and senior Maritza Sanchez spent their chemistry field trip together.



The Legend

1991 Mini-Mag: students voice variety of opinions and ideas

Designed and edited by Heather Lorange

Bathrooms: The Final Frontier

by LeeAnn Ashby

What's the one place in the world where you can primp yourself, socialize, slander and express your undying love for that someone special? The bathroom, of course!

Bathrooms provide a good excuse to get out of the doldrums of school. Just about everyone uses the excuse, "I have to go to the bathroom" to escape class in search of peace during an especially hectic day. Some times it seems that the escape served another purpose besides getting out of class -- catching up on all the good gossip. If you want to

know who's a pair and who's a jerk, just visit your friendly neighborhood powder room. Really, why do people write on the bathroom walls? Is it a natural born instinct to express one's self while in a cubicle the size of an outhouse? Maybe these articulate authors get a sort of inspiration out of their messages. Or possibly it is a way to stabilize a faltering relationship by writing "Suzie loves Steve" on every toilet sheltering wall in the school. And these people who slander their enemies, do they really think that anyone is going to make judgement on another based on bathroom wall graffiti? The stalls also seem to be a convenient place

to vent built up stress. On just about every bathroom in the school has "@#&* You!" or "Go to !%\$%" scrawled on it's surface. These particular graffiti artists take pride in their work, because it always seems that these messages are scratched into the paint.

Regardless of what it's used for the bathroom is a necessity for our existence. Be it gossiping, graffitiing or the intentional use, it is and always will be one of the most used rooms in the school.

Bathrooms were a common place for students between periods. Junior Becky Prgomella primps between classes. (Crosslin photo)



Students Critique the Year's Hit Movies

by Julie Calamaris

In 1990, movies such as Home Alone and Ghost became box office hits. The country's top critics gave rave reviews, but what about the "critics" here at PHS?

Many students seemed to be in favor of the hit romance Pretty Woman.

Junior Robyn Ormes said, "Pretty Woman was my favorite movie of the year. It had a nice romance."

Health teacher Les Klein liked the movie because "it was a kind of Cinderella story."

Young Guns 2 was a favorite movie of both freshman Brian Matthews and junior Char Perez.

Matthews said, "I liked it because it had lots of action and it never got boring."

Perez agreed and added by saying, "I liked the actors in the movie like Christian Slater and

Emilio Estevez."

Suspense movies were a popular choice for the students.

Sophomore Derek Falls enjoyed Total Recall. "I admire Arnold Schwarzenegger both on and off the screen, and I dig the special effects."

Predator 2 was chosen by senior Yolanda Razo as her favorite. "It was really suspenseful. You didn't know what was going to happen next."

Comedy flicks followed close behind suspense films in popularity.

Sophomore Leonard Guzman picked House Party as number one on his list. "I thought it was funny. Also I'm into rap and mixing so I could relate to it."

Junior Mike Brosky liked Home Alone, which is a movie about a young child whose parents accidentally forget him at home when they leave for vacation. While

they're gone, he gets into trouble. Brosky said, "It was funny and it seems like something I'd like to do."

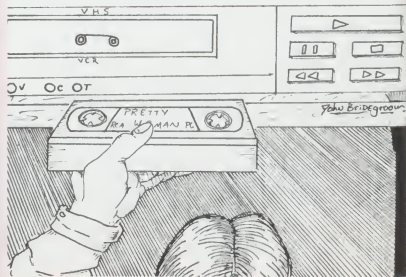
Some students had other choices for their favorite movie.

Senior Derek Fessler chose action-drama movie Navy Seals. "It was better than anything else that was out during the

year."

Senior Angela Sherbit enjoyed the tear-jerking film Ghost. "It was a great movie and Patrick Swayze is a good actor which made it even better."

Students found movies a great place to spend time and enjoy themselves both after school and on weekends.



Those ISTEP Blues

by Jenny Mason

ISTEP tests... something all people dread, especially the freshmen and juniors at Portage High School.

ISTEP, which stands for the Indiana State Test of the Educational Program, is given every spring. The test is taken from grades one to six, and grades eight, nine and eleven.

After the test has been scored by computer, students get them back from the state, and they compare you to everyone else that's your age in the state.

How do students at PHS feel

about taking the test?

Valerie Boruff, freshman, said, "They're good, but they're too long and too annoying." She also said ISTEPs should be made shorter, "because most of the questions are easy anyway."

David Robertson, freshman

disagreed. He said, "I think they're fine the way they are, They're not hard anyway."

ISTEPs help students to learn where they need to improve by comparing them to other students.

Misty Causill, sophomore, however doesn't agree. She said, "I don't think the ISTEPs help because the stuff on the test is harder than we do every day."

David said, "I think we should have longer breaks, so we don't fry our brains."

Dusty Caudill, freshman, liked some parts of the test and disliked others. One thing she liked was "getting out of school early."

Bruce Selva, freshman, has a different way of looking at the test. "The ISTEPs are just another test. They're just there."

This will be the last year for juniors to take the test, from now on, only freshman will be required to take it.

Shotgun Killer Strikes

by Sheila Lynch

A Serial Shotgun killer caused much fear and anxiety for North-west Indiana during a usually cheerful Christmas season in 1990.

The killer started his spree on Oct. 30, 1990. A total of seven people were killed by the man, including two in Portage.

Many students were uneasy during the time of the shootings. Some students, such as Karen Lesko, senior, took precautions while the killer was at large. She said, "When I go out at night, I take a group of people with me. I always lock my doors."

Portage Police Sgt. Warren Lewis, spokesman for the 45 member task force assigned to the case, said that the killer was in his mid 20's or 30's, 5'10", had dark eyes, a prominent brow, and a light complexion. He drove a boxy, white, compact car.

The first of the two Portage shootings occurred on Dec. 15 at

the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. Marie Meitzer, a 48-year old desk clerk, was found shot to death behind the front desk at about 8:30 p.m.

The second of the shootings in Portage occurred at a Hudson Gas Station on U.S. 6 a few days later. Harchand Singh Dhalival was found dead in the gas station by a customer.

All of the shootings occurred in a short amount of time, but stopped suddenly. Jenni Godin, freshman, said, "I think he shot in spurts for a while and then stopped because he is laying low for a while. He is afraid that the cops are going to catch him."

Freshman Hiram Sizemore said, "I think he's a crazy lunatic. I hope they catch him soon, and when they do, he gets the electric chair."

At the time of this writing, the shotgun killer has not been caught. However, the police have one suspect in custody who has not yet been convicted.

What was the biggest news of the year?

"The possible teacher cuts."

Angie Coe

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"The shotgun killings."

Tracy Brown

10



"My grades weren't bad."

Laura Siegal

11



"The Gulf War!"

Dawn Walker

12



"The attack of Baghdad."

Mr. Ronald Buls
History Teacher



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Exchange Student Comes to USA

by Daniel Lundin

Saying goodbye to my family and friends at Arlanda Airport in Stockholm Sweden, I felt like I was going on a vacation for a couple of weeks. During the flight to New York, I started to realize that I wasn't. I was going to spend 10 months in a foreign country, live with another family, go to a new school and speak English constantly. I realized I would not sleep in my own bed, see my family and friends and have Swedish food for 10 months.

On the plane I read a little bit of the PHS Handbook. I was amazed by all the rules and regulations the school had, such as not leaving the school at any time during the day, Saturday classes and a possible suspension after a few tardies. I was always a little bit

late in the mornings in Sweden and thought I would probably get numbers of tardies here. "They will probably send me back in a couple of weeks," I thought.

When I saw the map of the school in the handbook, I could imagine myself running down the hallways totally lost, in this huge school not knowing anybody and unfamiliar with the language.

There was a crowd of people waiting for foreign exchange students. As I arrived, I heard somebody call "Danny Danny." I looked up and saw my host father Terry waving at me. He led me through a crowd of people to the other members of his family: Robyn, his wife and their two children Dave, 10 and Wendy, 5.

I've been in America for over five months now and really like my host family. They are really won-

derful and I don't think I could have come to a better family.

PHS is a very nice school. Although it was kind of big in the beginning, it got easier to find my way around. I like PHS a lot. I'm getting used to English now and I feel I can speak it a little bit more fluently. I'm also picking up slang.

I don't regret anything and I'm really enjoying myself here. My 10 months here will probably mean a lot for me in the future and I know it will be a great memory. Although I miss my family and friends from Sweden, there's one thing I miss more than my family and friends-- my mom's delicious Swedish cooking.

Senior Danny Lundin, an exchange student from Sweden, walks to his first hour class. He came to the US for 10 months. (Miller photo)



Jobs: Pocket Money Now, Experience Later

by Kim Crosslin and Heather Loran

No job, no experience. No experience, no job. For many PHS students, a job is simply a way of making extra money for cars, clothes, going out and other things necessary for life: but for some students, a job as a teenager can mean experience for a job after high school or college.

For Tammy Modesto, junior, her after school job means gaining experience working with younger children. She is a YMCA gymnastics instructor, for elementary students. "I love working with kids. I can really benefit from working with them. It's a learning experience. It can also help me with my gymnastics because I can stay close to the sport."

Senior Amy Josleyn, an aspiring chef, has already begun her training at Purdue Calumet. "I've loved cooking ever since I could climb on a chair and throw flour into a pot with my grandma."

Amy became interested in cooking as a profession because of her uncle's influences on her. He is a Chicago restaurant owner. Amy hopes that she will be able to work in a fine dining restaurant as an apprentice, but for now she is presently employed at Burger King in Portage. "People think it's funny when I say I work there. I like working birthday parties for the younger kids. It's a lot of fun."

John Bridegroom, junior, acted in and helped to produce a grade B movie during the summer of 1990. The cast and crew of this non-profit movie were all high school students. The flick was about a vampire seeking revenge on the people who harassed his family years ago. John wants to be a commercial artist someday and working with special effects is one of his hobbies. "It helps you exercise your creativity and realism," he said of his movie making experience. "You learn to pay attention to details. In the movie, I tried to make everything as real

as possible."

Senior Colette David works at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Portage about 20 hours a week. She said, "I spend my money mainly on clothes, and then what I have left I spend going out with my friends."

Junior Dave Saviola holds three jobs. He works at the Beach Cafe in Miller, in construction and in maintenance at an apartment complex in Merrillville. He said,

"The advantage, of course, is money. I also enjoy meeting new people at the Beach Cafe. The disadvantage is time. I have little to no weekend because I'm working."

Jobs can be worthwhile if the person is willing to put in the time and effort.

Sophomore Gervie Trumble and junior Tammy Modesto teach gymnastics for the YMCA after school.



Precious Weekends

by DeeDee Rodriguez

It is Friday 2:35 p.m. This has been the longest five days of my life. I can't wait to get home and get ready for my party on Saturday. It seems like I've been waiting for this day forever. Of course, it's only been a week, but when you're in school, everything seems longer.

"I like to spend time with my boyfriend alone. Maybe watch TV or go out somewhere," freshman Dana Wellman said.

Senior Rob Rodriguez said, "I spend time with my girlfriend doing anything."

"I like to go to Lake Eliza, a dance hall, because it's fun and I love to dance," sophomore Melissa Miller replied.

Freshman Cristi Conrick said, "I like to go out with my friends and party hardy."

Many people agreed with her.

Junior Shara Vespo replied, "I like to go out with my friends to a party or something because I can't stand to be in my house alone and bored."

"I like to get caught up on the latest flicks with my boyfriend," freshman Roxanne Raftis commented.

"I go to Pep Band and play music at games because I like to play my instrument, the trombone," freshman Bridget Nelson said.

"I like to go skating at R-Way," freshman Jennifer Weiss said.

Some people like to stay home and be by themselves. Freshman Vicky Santos replied, "I like to go home and sleep. After a week of school, everyone needs their rest."

No matter what you are doing, everyone is happy to get out of school knowing they don't have to get up early the next morning.

What do you like best about Portage High School?

"The many different electives and the school spirit that is aroused at games."

Dee Dee Rodriguez
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"My friends!"

Vanessa Dombey
10



"The sports events"

Kirsten Sederberg
11



"Friends and good times"

Dan Herring
12



"The number of choices given to the students both in courses offered and in after school activities."

Mrs. Penny Gorgei
Secretary for Guidance



County Seat Cruising

by Jon Fiebelkorn

It's Friday night. You've called all of your friends to look for something to do. You're bored, you've got the family cabin cruiser, you've got nowhere to go and not much to do when you get there. What do you do?

Many Valparaiso and Chesterton students have found an age-old pastime that is just beginning to catch on to Portage students-cruising. Like their parents before them once did, these new cruisers have spit-shined cars and street-wise attitudes. Some favorite cruising spots that can all be visited in one night are Wright's Barnyard, Azar's Big Boy and County Seat Plaza, all near U.S. 30 in Valparaiso. Downtown Laporte is also quite popular, though it's faraway location makes it less accessible to the local youth.

One die-hard cruiser from Portage is sophomore Ryan Carmin. On weekends he enjoys spending his time driving, talking

to friends and meeting new people at County Seat. According to him in the wintertime about 200 cars will pass through the Seat on any given weekend night. Summer crowds approach 500 cars. He cruises "because there's nothing else to do."

Because of the amount of traffic passing through County Seat a night, one or two squad cars usually patrol the area. "I'm always getting nailed for squealing my tires, or revving my engine too high, or playing my radio too loud," Ryan lamented. "But once I was cruising in my friend's '68 Firebird and I blew the ignition chip, and the cop over there was really being helpful. They can be cool."

As long as teenagers are bored, which happens often in Northwest IN, they will find someplace to congregate. As proven by years of trial and error, good times can happen when any group of friends gather somewhere to hang out. After all, only "losers" stay home on Saturday night to watch TV.

The Legend

Dance Hit with Exchange Student

by Daniel Lundin

By the end of November many people started getting dates for the Christmas Dance. Since I had never been to one before, I really thought that I should go.

At my high school in Sweden, we usually had a dance to celebrate Saint Lucia, which is a big tradition all over Sweden and is celebrated for many different reasons, one is the return of the lights after the long dark fall. It starts on Dec. 12 and lasts to the early morning of the 13th, which is Saint Lucia Day. We dance, talk, participate in different kinds of competitions and just enjoy ourselves.

I had met this girl from Merrillville who seemed really nice, so I called her and asked her if she would like to go with me. She said yes.

Since the dance was semi-formal, and I didn't have any clothes for that, I had to start thinking about what I should wear. Some people said that I couldn't wear a turtleneck with a cardigan and that I should wear a shirt instead. Some said it would be perfectly fine. Since I hate wearing shirts I ended up buying a turtleneck and hoped I wouldn't be the only guy wearing one.

As the dance approached, I began to get a little nervous. I wondered how people danced at these dances. I had never been to one before, so how was I supposed to know.

I also began to wonder what I should say to her before the dance, in the restaurant and car, she's a little bit quiet and I'm not really a talkative guy.

Since I don't have a driver's

license and she didn't either, my host dad Terry took us. We picked her up at her aunt's house in Portage, where everybody took pictures like crazy.

We went to Wingfields in Chesterton for dinner. The dinner was all right, but not that great. Since it was Friday, they mostly served fish. I really hate fish, and she doesn't like it either.

Terry picked us up after an hour and we headed back to the high school.

At first the dance was kind of dull, but we started dancing and talking. We had a fun night and it is probably one of my most enjoyable nights in America. It will be a nice memory back in Sweden.

Jim Pantel, sophomore, and Kelly Nabhan, senior, were one of the couples who attended the dance.



Search for Special Someone Neverending

by Dawn Meyer

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." This old cliché still holds true today.

People's reasons for dating a particular person vary. Everyone has their own specific qualities and personality characteristics they consider to be important for a date candidate to have.

Physical attributes are commonly sought, but not in all instances. Personality also plays a big part in our search for that special someone.

"I notice a guy's eyes first. A lot of guys have really gorgeous eyes," sophomore Stephanie Schmidt commented.

Mark Click, senior said, "I look for a girl with a great personality and good looks. I also want her to share my interests."

How important are looks over personality?

"I think a girl's personality is more important than appearance," junior

for Jay Smith stated.

History and government teacher, Mr. Dennis Bond commented that he also thought personality won over beauty. He would prefer a lady with similar interests that he would be compatible with than a beauty he shares no similar interests with.

When asked if she listened to rumors about a particular guy, would she automatically forget about going out with him, Natalie Silaghi, senior, said, "No, if I am going to like someone, then I like them for who they are, and not what people say whether it be bad or good."

Mark commented that he would ask the girl's close friends about it as well as her, but probably wouldn't listen to them in the first place.

Junior Laura Hull agreed. She would not listen to the stories or rumors, but rather ask the guy about it.

Many people wonder if there is such a thing as the "perfect part-

ner" or "ideal date." Everyone considers them to be different kinds of people with different characteristics.

Natalie said her ideal date would include a Mel Gibson look alike with a romantic dinner at the beach or on an island.

"Five nine, green eyes, 125 pounds and long blonde hair," was Mark's dream girl description. She would also have to enjoy snow skiing because he

would whisk her off to Colorado for a skiing extravaganza.

Whether beauty or personality are more preferable in your choice of finding a good date, one must share the same interests and have similar ideals in order for the relationship to have a better chance.

"A Christmas To Remember" the winter formal, was held on Dec. 21 in the East commons. Many students attended with that special someone.



PHS Music Mania

by Shelley Djurich

PHS.

"Turn it up I love this song." Sound familiar?

There is a lot of music out in Northwest Indiana: New Wave, Rap, House Music, Heavy Metal, Classic Rock all the way up to opera.

Rap is very popular at PHS dances. Many of the teenagers prefer the sound to dance to.

"I like rap music and house music, it gets crowds going and it's a good up beat for a party," freshman Amy Hiltzley said.

"It gets me ready for my races and gets me in the athletic mood," sophomore Jason Stepanovich said.

"I like rap because it hypes me up," freshman Mandy Mendonza replied.

Classic Rock, music from the late 60's and 70's, is also a popular sound to some students at

"It's not all that boom junk that I hear from rap," senior Todd Granato said.

Heavy Metal, that heart pounding beat from drums and electric guitars at a fast speed, attracts some people at PHS.

"I like heavy metal because it's intense, reckless, wild and excites me," senior Scott Van Buren replied.

"I like heavy metal because of the way it's played," freshman Stacy Couture said.

Punk music was really in in 1989 when skate boarding was a big fad, but senior Mark Powells states, "I like punk because it talks about saving the environment and it is very relaxing."

Music can play a big part to DJ's and musicians because it means careers, while others just listen for sheer entertainment purposes.

If given two hours of free-time, how would you spend it?

"I'd go shopping and gossip with my friends."

Lee Towery
9



"Playing Basketball."

Alan Johnston
10



"Sleeping!"

Tim Mattiix
11



"Studying the Martial Arts."

Tony Velez
12



"I'd read a good book."

Mrs. Linda Hicks
Speech Teacher



Seniors Bid Farewell

by Tanya Branshaw

On June 7, the halls of Portage High School were filled with goodbyes, tears and joy. For some it was summer vacation, but to the seniors it was a new beginning, they closed another chapter in their book of life and went on. Of course a new chapter will eventually be made, but leaving high school was a harder one to close. From kindergarten these seniors worked hard to receive a high school diploma, not even really thinking that one day it would be over.

PHS Principal Forrest Rhode said "It is always a bit sad to see another group of students leave, however, it is exciting to feel you have been a part of their preparation for the future."

He also suggested to graduates to simply do their best in whatever their role in society might be, because in the final analysis that is all anyone can ask.

Some seniors would also like to leave a few words of wisdom.

Teresa Achten said "Try to take classes that you'll need for college your first semester so you can blow off your second semester to make school better."

Tonnia Hinshaw added, "Stay In School! Enjoy these high school years as much as possible."

Christy Gregorash said, "Keep your grades up and stick to college-prep classes, not blow-off classes."

Mike Alaniz disagreed saying, "Take classes you know you can pass and don't have to struggle, it makes high school a lot easier."

Troy Nugent said the one thing that he would miss was his friends, because soon they all would be going their own separate ways.

Mike agreed saying, "I'll lose touch with many friends and will probably never see any of them for the rest of my life, although I'll try to keep in touch with some of them."

The Legend

Lockers Kept Messy

by Patrick Harvey

"Okay, if I just move this book here, and then take my shoes and put them down there, move that book over there, and then take my coat and pull it out, and then I'll, AHHHH!" Suddenly your locker explodes, killing two and seriously injuring five others.

Students strive to shove as much junk into their lockers as it can hold. Although it seems as much as the locker can hold, there is always a little space where they can squeeze in their math book.

It does seem hard to keep a locker clean. Mickie Jenkins, sophomore, said, "My locker is not clean, it's messy because I'm too lazy to clean it. My locker's hard to keep clean. I just use it as a garbage can."

Christine Robinson, sopho-

more, said, "I don't have a clean locker because I just throw things in my locker. I imagine I could keep it clean if I wanted to, I probably won't clean it till the last day of school."

One reason kids are tardy to their classes is because their lockers are jammed or all their belongings are on the floor. There is no doubt that a messy locker can lead to certain hang-ups, and maybe an organized locker might be easy to find things in, but not easy to maintain. A clean locker may look better and be easier to get books out of. Many students feel messy lockers are easier to maintain and therefore an easy solution to their problem.

Sophomores Beth Swindle, Vicki Tressler and Jenene Ayres meet at a locker. (Jones Photo)



Latest Fashions Important To Students

by Becky Detterline and Heather Lorange

Outrageous trends flew into PHS this year!

Rep artist Vanilla Ice brought in a wave of trends. MC Hammer also brought in a new style of pants. Trends for clothes changed often throughout the year.

Freshman Angie Lewandowski thought I.O.U. and Z. Cavarici were in. "I do like to go with a trend. Although if everybody goes out to buy it within a week or so, why bother to get into it," Lewandowski said.

Freshman John Vuko said, "I like to wear Umbro soccer clothes because they're made for soccer players only. I think earrings are coming in for guys. It's becoming more accepted. I like to wear earrings so I'm going to wear them no matter what anyone says."

Sophomore Tracy Barnard said, "I like to stay with trends if they are not outrageous. I haven't

actually set a trend, but I wouldn't mind it if I did. No one has really influenced me, but I know a lot of famous people have set trends for many of my friends."

Junior Brian Austin said, "Julianas black shiny shoes, skirts and hats (particularly baseball) were in this year. I go with a trend I like. Why not? Vanilla Ice influenced me. Who do you think wears Julianas? I got my hair cut because of Vanilla Ice."

Some other big fashion trends were leggings and bubble necklaces. Freshman Pennie Martin said, "Leggings are a neat trend for girls. I like them because they add a little something to shorts and skirts. Drop crotch look pretty good on guys. I like it when new trends or clothes come out, because it gives me a reason to go shopping."

How important is it to students to look good and to keep up on all the latest styles and fashions? It seems as though it's pretty im-

portant to some people here.

Junior Trinity Brindza said she wears the latest fashions but only if she likes them. If she doesn't then she won't wear them.

"It's not a necessity that I have them, (the latest fashions) but I don't want to look like a nerd. I just couldn't picture myself walking around wearing bellbottoms," junior Angie Dejohn said.

Sophomore Staci Cook said

she spends a great deal of money on clothes. "It's important that I wear the latest fashions because I don't want to look like an outcast."

"I wear only the clothes I like," senior Jamie Verboon said.

Junior Joe Perez displayed the latest fashions by wearing a braided tail in his hair and a baseball hat turned backwards featuring a football team. (Evans photo)



Freshmen Speak Out

by Becky Detterline

"Look at all the little fish."
"You're too young, you're just a baby."

These are only some of the comments freshmen hear.

It seems that once a person is no longer a freshman and they are a big upperclassman, it is forgotten how it felt.

Rachael Glancy, sophomore said, she didn't like her freshman year. "The classes were harder, the lockers were smaller and the lunch hours were not long enough.

There were also too many people," Rachael added.

Jason Collins, sophomore, said "The West building was too small and the lockers were dinky."

Susan Dicken, freshman, said she doesn't like being a freshman. "I have more homework, and the teachers do not make

learning fun." I liked my eighth grade year better because I knew more people."

Kelly Cool freshman said she likes her freshman year because, "You can choose your own classes."

Kelly also said if she could change anything about her freshman year it would be, "To not have to go from East to West."

Most people interviewed said they did not like being a freshman for one reason or another, but it's something that everyone has to go through. Many of us are even lucky enough to go through it twice, once in high school and once in college.

Just think of all the time, effort and hard work put into high school to become an upperclassman and then as soon as a student starts college they are back to being a "little fish."

Plagued by Rumors

by Gina Gesmond

"Oh my gosh, did you hear?" Joe went into the locker room to ask Tom about what Jerry said about Mike, and Jim overheard him and thought he said something about Cheryl, and now, Julie is breaking up with Joe because of her!

Rumors!
Speaking from experience, freshman Vickie Fisher said, "Rumors are lies spread around the school. People make them up because they have no life, and to get one, they think they need to ruin someone else's."

Then she turned away slowly and the smile disappeared from her face.

"They (rumors) really can ruin it (life)," she said.

Whether or not they're true, rumors seem to bring bad news to all they come into contact with.

What possesses the student body to start rumors?

"I think rumors are started because of the envy felt of people who are happy. They feel the only way to be happy is to make someone else's life awful," freshman Cristy Conrick said.

People have different ways of handling rumors. These vary from fighting and denying them to just trusting instincts and ignoring them.

Depending upon the situation both methods have proved successful or the opposite.

"I would prove that the rumor is false and then take revenge on the person who started it," senior Sean Baugh said.

"I would make them publicly admit that they made it up," Sean said.

"I'd make it known to the people that mattered to me so they would know the rumor wasn't true. As far as the rest of the people at school, I really don't care what they think," junior Cindy Valenti said.

What has been the most memorable day of the year?

"The day Portage lost to Valpo by a missed freethrow."

Kent Fisher
9



"The day I got my driver's license."

Leslie Blackwell
10



"The evening of the Christmas dance."

Tammy Daghy
11



"August 23, when my senior year started."

Kelly Sullivan
12



"The half-time demonstration at the basketball game on Feb. 19 to support a drug free America."

Mrs. Jill Mangold
English Teacher



Highway 6 says:

"I like photography because I'm interested in it. Mr. Shearer is a really nice teacher and he's also the photo club sponsor, which I am in," sophomore Tonya Pride said.

Ready, set, drop it. Junior Mike Steve participates in the Advanced Physics egg drop during third hour. Students devised systems to prevent their egg from breaking during a fall from the roof to the concrete. (Westmoreland photo)



Another reason, besides clubs and sports, to come to school

by Sheri Cornick

Without one thing, students would not even be here on the Banks of Highway 6. With all the organizations, sports and student life aspects of the school it is easy to forget the important reason for being at school: Academics.

Students do more in classes than just the average term papers, homework, tests, quizzes and reading. There were parties, labs, mock trials, field trips and other exciting activities.

Mrs. Christine Elibasich's sociology classes had a mock trial in which the students pretended to be the judge, jury and witnesses. They also went on a field trip to the Lake County Courthouse.

There was an egg drop in Mr. Yarn Wolfman's Advanced Physics class. The class made a contraption to see whose eggs would last if dropped from the roof. That class also does a robotics project during the second semester to prove what they have learned.

Parties were not an everyday occurrence, but could be found. For example, Mrs. Mary Sparacino's Math Four Honors class had a party to say goodbye to their student teacher, Mrs. Rhonda Kraus.

Sophomore Gerrie Fowble uses some time in her Latin class to catch up on some missed sleep. Sleeping is a way many students can pass their classtime hours, as long as they don't get caught. (Jones photo)

Another interesting thing students do in class is group work. In Mrs. Barbara Mason's tenth hour, High English class, sophomores Scott Drake and Courtney Perkins work together on a project. (Crosslin photo)





Students trade lazydays for summer education

By Shannon Cable

While the sun shines bright and the cool water beckons and most students are at the beach, some opt to spend time at the school.

Students went to summer school for different reasons.

"I went to summer school so I could free up my schedule and so I could get history out of the way," Viren Patel, junior, said.

Rich Hardin, senior, attended since "It was pretty cool and easier. It was more relaxed."

Jenna Mitchell, junior, went so she could have a free hour instead of having a required class. Rich and Viren also took a required class so that they could free an hour.

Junior Darrell Taylor attended summer school so "he didn't have to lug around around a five hundred page history book."

Rachael Glancy, sophomore, went to summer school to learn an important skill, driving. She said she was sorry to give up her summer to learn to drive. Rachael said she would have rather slept in, sun-bathed and watched soaps. She also worked nights so most of her day was taken up with work and summer school.

Robin Autrey, sophomore, also took driver's ed. She said she was not sorry to give up her summer because now she can get her license sooner. She enjoyed it because "it was scary driving with other people, but the class itself was fun."

"I liked summer school because it was more relaxed and easier than the class would have been during the regular year," Rich Hardin, senior, said.

Summer school couldn't have been all that bad, could it?

Viren said, "No, I had nothing planned anyway and I would have gotten up around noon. After school, I went to work, so the combination of the two took up my whole day." He wasn't sorry to give up his summer.

Only about 470 students attended summer school, which is a drop from previous years, Mr. Jim Samuel, assistant principal at West

said.

The number of courses offered has gone down from years before. Mainly history, government, economics and English courses were offered.

Teaching summer school is much different than teaching during the school year, according to Mr. Ralph Mundt, government teacher. "It is a different atmosphere (from the regular year) and it is more relaxing."

Mr. Mundt also said, "I have no problems getting their attention. The students realize that they came to work and to get a grade and they usually are attentive and cooperative."

"The regular year is much harder than summer school. The atmosphere is a much more laid-back pace."

"Summer school runs for two four week sessions. During the day it runs for four hours. There is only one session during the day except for driver's ed."

"Summer school has two sessions which are four weeks each. It (summer school) is an easy way to earn two credits," Don Alkire, assistant principal said.



Mr. Ron Hancock's economics class watches as he teaches them about the economy. The total number of summer school teachers was 25. (Miller photo)





Rich Hardin, Chris Zolkowski and Jennifer Matthews, seniors, look on in Mr. Walt Alexander's economics class. There were over 500 high school students and over 80 middle school students in attendance. (Miller photo)

Academic Survival Guide

Six Things To Do When You Have A Sub

1. Be perfectly quiet and do all the work the teacher left. Be nice to the sub and be extremely helpful. Maybe you'll get extra credit.
2. Do all the work the teacher left, but don't help the sub at all. Act as if you are deaf and can't hear him asking questions.
3. Do all the work, ignore the sub. Have group discussions on each aspect of the homework. When the teacher asks what happened, tell the truth -- you did your work.
4. Ignore the sub, do no work. When asked what happened, show the teacher your completed work--you did it at home.
5. Be moderately quiet all hour. Do your work, then talk the rest of the hour.
6. Be the worst class the sub has ever had. Make sure everyone asks for a bathroom pass at least twice.



Mr. Ralph Mundt taught a government class at summer school. This was his fourth year teaching summer school. (Miller photo)

Mr. Walt Alexander, guidance counselor, teaches an economics class at summer school. (Miller photo)

Sophomore Tamara Smith-Boltze gave a speech on flag burning. Tamara gave her speech in Mr. Tom Sanidas' Fundamentals of Speech class. (Miller photo)

Academic Survival Guide 6 Ways to Cheat

1. Make a cheat sheet. You can lay it on top of your books or hide it in your shoe. Not a fool proof way, but not an obvious way either. Works well if you don't get caught.

2. Put notes on a tape. Unfortunately, you need a headset and they aren't allowed on the second or third floor and you need a teacher that allows them.

3. Write on a body part. Maybe write what you can't remember on your hand. Don't use a marker or it will rub off on everything you touch.

4. Write on your desk the day before the test. It will only work if no one else finds it and erases it. Or you can write on a book cover, a tile floor or the wall next to a desk.

5. Copy off the person next to you, in front of you or behind you.

6. Prepare before the test. Cheating can result in suspension.

Sexually transmitted diseases are a hot topic and guest speaker Laura Wilson from Planned Parenthood helps inform students on this subject. Mrs. Juanita Viera and Mr. Tom Miller combined their health class to watch the guest speaker. (Shreve photo)



Sophomore Andy Baker and senior Jarret Spence gave introductory speeches in Mr. William Bodnar's Intro to Drama class. The first speech is used as introduction of students to the class. (Miller photo)



Controversial subjects covered in required classes

by Shannon Cable and Michele Clark

Controversy is something that is a problem worldwide. Some of this controversy is brought into the classroom.

In a speech class, you may hear any of these subjects being discussed: animal rights, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), abortion, teenage pregnancy and anything else that may cause an uproar in the class. Some of these subjects, like AIDS and teenage pregnancy, may also be discussed in Health class. Unlike speech, which the student will talk to you about a subject, health has adult speakers that will come in and inform students about controversial subjects.

Students have different opinions on a variety of things, especially the controversial subjects. Some students feel it is good to get these subjects out in the open so that they may give their opinion.

Karen Cubbison, junior, said, "It's good to talk about that kind of stuff so we know how other people feel."

Amy Smith, senior, said, "I think it's educational. You can learn a lot by these speeches and you can see

different points of view up close."

Lisa Hoover, junior, focuses her opinion on one subject in particular, abortion. "I feel it's good to give a controversial speech on abortion because it better informs the students on a subject you here a lot about."

"I feel that controversial subjects are okay to discuss if nobody's feelings are hurt. It's your opinion and you can speak your opinion openly even if everybody else disagrees," Dawn Haddon, junior, said.

Heather Brink, sophomore, talks about how guest speakers are an advantage in a health class. "I learned more about the chapter we were on when a speaker came in talking about AIDS. I learned more about the virus and how to avoid it, so I think speakers are an advantage."

Emily Smith, freshman, said, "I think it's great that people are a lot more open-minded than they used to be, and we can talk about con-

troversial subjects and not be afraid of what other people think of our opinion. I like that we can talk about it, and we don't have to hide our feelings."

Some students become offended by certain topics that the class will discuss.

"I think we should cover controversial issues because we need to form our own opinions. We can't go through life just believing what other people think. A pregnant girl may become offended by the topic of teen pregnancy. I'm not pregnant, but if I were, the topic of teen pregnancy would not offend me," Mary Blaha, sophomore, said.

Keep in mind that speech and health class are both required, but there are many options as to which form of the course a student can take. For instance, there are several speech classes, such as Oral Interpretation, Persuasion/Interviewing, Competitive Speech, Debate or Introduction to Dramatics. There is only one health class offered. Rather than taking health class, the requirement may be filled by taking Family Health and three other home economics courses.



Mr. William Bodnar goes over speech class information with senior Glenda Cox and Susie Ritchey, junior. (Miller photo)

New breed of thinking learned in special classes

by Kim Crosslin

"Where did we leave off yesterday in our ongoing saga?" Or maybe, "I must apologize for the simplicity of this test. Any further talking will be construed as cheating."

You might hear this question daily if you were enrolled in one of Mr. Douglas' U.S. History or World Culture Honors classes. The classes begin with a question like this one and the students continue through the hour answering it.

Junior Jeff Medley, who was in Mr. Douglas' U.S. History class said, "Douglas lets us run the class. He'll ask us why people (in history) did what they did."

"I think the class is very helpful. It helps you to think on your own and not to depend on the teacher to tell you what is right and wrong," Tammie Cosich, a junior in Douglas' U.S. History class, said. She described the class as being independent. "(The class) is up to the students."

Tammie claims the class has

helped her become more independent in other classes, at home and in sports. "We learn things that they don't include in the text, and the motivation levels of the people in history," she said.

"We learn things that they don't include in the text, and the motivation levels of people in history," junior Ginger Mikulich said.

Sophomore Heather Hedstrom said, "We look at the motivation more than just memorizing statistical information. I enjoy it because it's structured differently than most classes."

Ginger Mikulich, a junior in Douglas' U.S. History class, also believes this method of teaching helps the learning process. "It's a different type of learning," she said. "We participate and think about different history questions. He likes to ask a

question and then play with you until you get the right answer."

"He teaches you to think with a free mind," Ginger said. "(The class) compliments my sociology class. They both teach the same ideas of thinking."

Sociology classes are based on a mixture of movies, worksheets, discussions, guest speakers and even a mock murder trial.

"We talk about social problems like drugs, murder, rape and suicide," Ro Guerro, junior, said.

"My favorite part of the class was a speaker that was raped and told her story to the class. It was really sad and interesting," Ro said.

Jeff Kimbrough, a junior in sociology, said his favorite part of the class was the mock murder trial. "It gave us a chance to learn the justice system of our country."

The class took a field trip to the Crown Point courthouse to see a child abuse trial.



1990 graduates Myrna Hernandez and Patricia Coker talks to students in Mr. Ron Hancock's government class. They were part of a college board. (Miller photo)



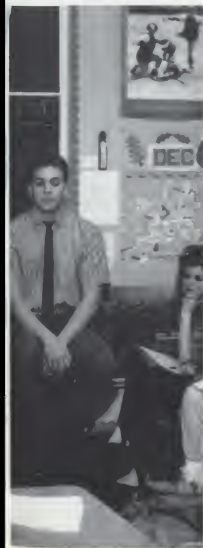
Rosemary Jefimenko, junior, and Bill Hrdina, junior, concentrate in Mr. James Douglas U.S. History class. (Miller photo)

Academic Survival Guide

6 Ways to Avoid a test

1. Don't come to school at all. Then you can say you were sick and get a couple of extra days.
2. Go to the nurse the hour before the test. Tell her you feel really dizzy and you just want to lie down.
3. Stay in the bathroom all hour like you throwing up. Go to the nurse and tell her you want to go home.
4. Tell the teacher that you need to go to the bathroom .
5. Sign up to get a pass from your guidance counselor. Go into the counselor and tell them about your studying problem.
6. Throw up in the class that you have a test in. This is a sure-fire way to get out of a class because the teacher will not want you in the room in case you throw up again.

Mr. Ronald Buls gives his U.S. History class optional notes. Mr. Buls expects from his students "that they learn U.S. history successfully." (Miller photo)



Finishing a unit on murder, Ms. Christine Elabasich rules a mock murder trial. The mock trial followed a visit to the Lake County Government complex.

Students in Mr. James Douglas's U.S. History class look on while Mr. Douglas lectures. Mr. Douglas said, "I found that most students learn something and I enjoy motivating them." (Westmoreland photo)



Academic Survival Guide

6 Ways to survive a class you don't like

1. Take a book, magazine or just anything to amuse yourself during the class.
2. Take your headset. That way you can listen to your favorite music and tune the teacher out.
3. Stare out the window. This will irritate the teacher to no end and you can check out all the local scenery.
4. Talk to anyone who will listen. This irritates the teacher even worse than staring out the window endlessly, and it is extremely noisy.
5. Space out. Not as noisy, equally irritating. Any teacher will yell at you until they turn blue in the face.
6. Quit going. Then you will lose credit for the semester and then you can have a study hall instead.

Mr. Henry Looft discusses microbiology with his Adv. Biology class. "I enjoy teaching because I like to be around kids and I like science and I think it's a rewarding experience." (Jones photo)



Dawn Ray, senior, discusses corrections with Mr. David Masty. Mr. Masty has been teaching for 18 years and he finds it worthwhile because "the interaction with students is extremely gratifying." (Torres photo)



Honors classes not all they're cracked up to be

by Shannon Cable and Eric S. Miller

"If you're a glutton for punishment, then you might find the honors classes more fun," senior Andy Scholebo said.

Honors classes may conjure up images of mounds of homework to other students, but to the students who are in these classes, this isn't so.

"I do not feel it is a lot more work," Jamie Creasy, junior, said. "One has to realize that the classes are designed for students who learn fast and understand things easily, thus a person in a regular class who has trouble learning is working just as hard or harder than a student in honors classes."

Although some classes require more demanding assignments, such as term papers, some do pay off with special projects. Those special projects include: robotics, egg drops, using mirrors, more term papers and more homework.

The classwork isn't the only factor in honors classes. "I like the people. It's the same group of people in the classes," Dave

Machin, senior, said.

Some people may wonder why anyone would get involved in the honors program.

"I thought I could handle it," senior Nick Smith said. "Also, I thought I would be doing a disservice to myself if I didn't take the classes."

"There's not a lot of competition. We're all really together, but we have our weak spots. Some may not want to admit it, but it's true," Marilyn Evans, sophomore, said.

As expected, there can be some difficult parts to these courses.

"The speed of the class is harder. It goes quicker," Dave said.

"There is more demand on the students in honors classes compared to the demand on students in regular classes. The honors program allows a student to decide for themselves how much work to put into a class, where as a regular class usually requires a teacher to nag a lazier student,"

Jamie said.

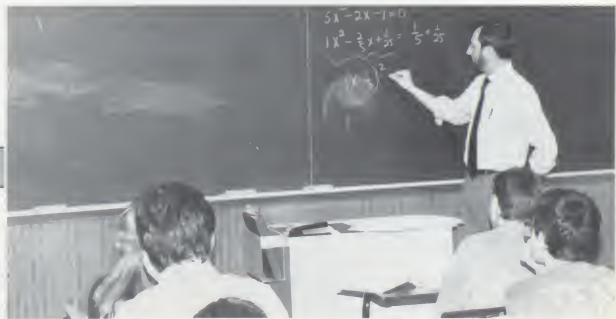
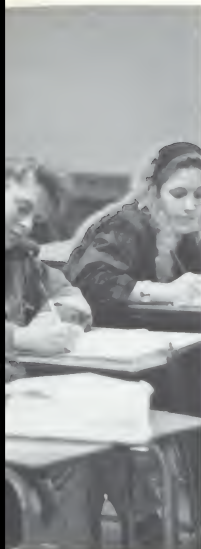
"Honors classes are designed for students who want a challenge. They can also help students to get into a better college. I plan on continuing with the honors program," Teresa Gingerich, sophomore, said. After all, the students can earn the 5.0 grade point average.

"Getting all the homework done on time is a challenge. The teachers expect us to have it done quicker because we are the honors class," sophomore Marilyn Evans said. "You're also expected to know things. You're also expected to pick things up quicker and not have them explained."

Nick was challenged differently. "All of the things we have to do outside of class (are challenging). For example, (first) semester, I had to do two term papers."

Although an increased burden is placed on students, there may be some fringe benefits to taking an honors class. Honors programs look good on college applications.

"There is more freedom given to us because we're the 'good kids,'" Nick said.



Mr. Joe Sparacino shows students how to complete the square in Algebra 2K. Sparacino enjoys teaching because he sees the success of the students. (Miller photo)

Students teach instead of learning; earn experience

by Shannon Cable and Caryn Peterson

Here's an interesting question to spark the imagination: have you ever thought of being a teacher instead of the youngster eager to learn? Well, this possibility can become a reality.

Every year a special class is offered to students who wish to excel in the field of teaching. This class, called Leadership, is a year long course and requires teacher approval as a pre-requisite. Leadership is designed for students interested in teaching physical education at the elementary level.

The class highlight was a two day camp for fifth grade students, which is planned during second semester.

Most of the students who participate in this class plan on going into teaching as a career.

Leadership initially enables students to go to various elementary schools and get involved with younger students. Senior Mike Malaski said, "Most of the time the students are cooperative."

Many students had the chance to experience many student teach-

ers from surrounding universities.

Student teachers are younger than most teachers, so the age differences, or lack of age differences, may create problems for the student teacher.

"I enjoy the interaction between students and finding out what they're actually thinking," English student teacher Mr. Greg Kenworthy said.

This doesn't usually seem to be a problem. In general, younger people tend to look up to or admire persons older than themselves. Some student teachers tend to be a little leary of their expectations of respect. Ms. Kristen Gussert a student teacher in English said, "Sometimes age is a problem, because I do not always seem like a teacher or authority figure."

With every aspect of teaching there are ups and downs. Sometimes things aren't what they are cracked up to be and, teaching definitely falls into this category. Teaching, to many, is more of a

priority rather than an option.

Another class that is offered to students that allows them to prepare for any teaching experience they might obtain during their high school years is Cadet Teaching, taught by Mr. Ron Hancock. It is somewhat like Leadership and student teaching except it is intended for high students with a definite interest in teaching. Students spent two hours a day teaching in area elementary and middle schools.

With the classes offered here, students have ample opportunities to obtain knowledge and experience to better prepare themselves for the future. Further interest in a career of teaching can become a possibility with interest in these, and many other courses offered to students.

"The class lets you experience teaching first hand, so you know (after a couple of times) whether or not you want to teach," Karen Flasch, senior said.

Senior Keith Fraizer said, "This class could make or break you. After teaching a couple of times, you know whether or not you want to do it."



Seniors Joe Wozniak and Jeff Cromer participated in Leadership this year. Leadership students planned a camp for fifth graders from local grade schools. (Miller photo)

Miss Rhonda Krauss, a student teacher for Mrs. Mary Sparacino, shows students math problems on the board in Math IV Honors. (Jones photo)





Seniors **Beth Breckner** and **Karen Flasch** look over a paper in Leadership. "It is a very enjoyable class because we get to know our classmates very well and we get to work with younger kids," Beth said. (Miller photo)

Academic Survival *Guide* **Six Ways To Listen** **Creatively**

1. Wear sunglasses. You can seem like you're paying attention, while you're actually sleeping.
2. Take a headset. You might not fall asleep, but you won't have to listen to another boring lecture either.
3. Act like you're paying attention while really be spacing off.
4. Act like you're paying attention, and do homework for another class. This works if you're behind and can look like you're paying attention.
5. Don't act like you're paying attention, just space off. The teacher may yell at you, but tell them you were paying attention.
6. Act like you're spacing off and really be paying attention. When the teacher asks you a question, you can burn them by knowing the answer.



Juniors **Renee Bliss** and **Jennifer Heron** discuss assignments in Leadership, which is in its 24th year. (Miller photo)

Miss Barbara Ledyard, English teacher, discusses the novel *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Miss Ledyard graduated from Ball State in February of 1987. (Miller photo)

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6 Ways to become teacher's pet

1. Bring your teacher some kind of food every day all year long. Chocolate works the best.
2. If you have a lady teacher, bring her flowers. If you have a gentlemen teacher, find out his favorite sports team and bring him memorabilia.
3. Always raise your hand to answer questions, even if you don't know the answer. The teacher will think you always study.
4. Never talk out of turn. No matter what you have to say, never talk out of turn.
5. Come in for help after school. Even if know the material, you can always use the extra help.
6. Just generally be nice. Tell the teacher they look nice, they're very smart and they're your favorite teacher. This will earn you a lot of brownie points.



Mr. Jason Cope, English teacher, reads to a class. Mr. Cope was a police officer before substitute teaching. (Miller photo)



Miss Laurie Elwood, math teacher, puts the grading scale for a test on the board. Elwood chose Portage because "As a student (at PHS) I loved the activities, teachers and academics." (Evans photo)

New teachers experience first day fears and worries

by Shannon Cable and Michele Clark

Imagine walking into one of Indiana's largest high schools for the first time. Two buildings, three floors, 3000 students, over 100 teachers, 10 principals, 7 guidance counselors and about a million classrooms. Imagine what a new teacher feels like on their first day.

The first day is a new experience to any teacher and it can be scary, fun or just different. Many new teachers will carry their first day with them forever.

There are a total of ten new teachers this year. Miss Laurie Elwood, who teaches pre-algebra, geometry and algebra 2, and is the Poms coach, said, "As I tried to think of something interesting or funny to say, the only thing I could think of was my first impression. I was scared to death as I stood up in front of a class of students who didn't know what to think of me as much as I didn't know what to think of them. The look on their faces was curiosity and fear as I'm sure was mine. The first day of teaching was definitely interesting and fun, but in a scary way. I wouldn't want to go through it

again." Elwood is a former PHS student.

The new business law, English and typing teacher, Mrs. Marge Slankowski, said, "I remember getting the flu the night before my first day of teaching. I finally got to sleep at 4 a.m. and I had to get up at 6 a.m. No matter how bad I felt I wasn't going to miss my first day."

"On the first day of teaching, I remember getting what I call 'freshman frustration'. First, I couldn't sleep the night before. I arrived at school early, checking my mailbox almost hourly for new forms, new students and new colleagues. Basically, I felt like an overgrown freshman," Mr. Warren Miller, choir director, said.

One new teacher, Mr. Robert Gray, teaches Introduction to Chemistry and Physics, Earth Science, and ninth grade general science, gives his thoughts about his name and students.

"On the first day of teaching, I always wear gray clothes and I introduce myself as Mr. Gray, not brown, black or blue, but gray. I also make a point to make sure students know how to spell my name: Gray, not Grgy. I explain this by saying 'If you want an 'A', spell my name with an 'A'."

The other new teachers are: Ms. Susanna Chappell, publications advisor; Miss Clara Clark, math; Mr. Jason Cope, English; Miss Barb Ledyard, English; Mr. Warren Miller, choir; Mr. Victor Racster, band; and Miss Laura Trembly, math, science, English, reading, and self-improvement.

Ledyard said, "I enjoy teaching freshman and sophomores. I also enjoy teaching in an open classroom environment. It's very enjoyable working with the faculty and the administration who are so supportive of one another."

"The people have been friendly, and the students have been cooperative. I really enjoy teaching. I wouldn't want to do anything else," Trembly said.

Cope said, "I was definitely nervous. Everything has been getting a lot easier since the year started."



Mr. Warren Miller directs the choir. "The staff, faculty and students of PHS have helped me considerably in adjusting to my new situation and for that I'm very grateful." (Miller photo)

Matt Cowajawa, senior, holds a piece of plywood while Dan Marcotte, senior, cuts it with a skill saw. (Miller photo)

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6 Ways to Avoid homework

1. Tell the teacher you were really sick and you couldn't do your homework.

2. Just quit doing your homework. The teacher will quit asking you for it after a while.

3. Don't go to class. The only drawback: you probably will get caught for ditching.

4. Get sick in the middle of class and beg to go to the nurse.

5. Tell the teacher you don't understand and can't do the work until you come in for extra help and then just keep putting off coming in for extra help.

6. Get your mom to lie for you. Get her to tell your teacher that you can't complete that kind of work because you are allergic to the paper it is printed on.

Junior Sarah Greider works on an engine in Diesel Mechanics. This class is offered to juniors and seniors. (Miller photo)



Senior Jeff Soucy and Pete Zajicek, junior, put up heating ducts in Mr. Dennis Cletcher's building trades class. (Miller photo)

Vocational classes more than average course load

by Jenny Westerkamp

Vocational classes were helpful in many ways to students. These classes were available for students who were looking for hands-on work. Many courses were offered for people to take. Mostly they were for juniors and seniors only; however, some classes were offered for sophomores also.

Many of the classes met off campus at a variety of places including Willowcreek Middle School, Don Roberts Cosmetology and Doree Cosmetology.

Vocational classes were a chance for students to learn a trade. It would give many students a head start on schooling after high school and for some job training. Some trades that could be learned included auto mechanics, building trades, diesel mechanics, printing, electronics and dental assisting.

Eight of the classes met for three hours during the day. These students were juniors and seniors. Some courses were offered to all three grades such as

architectural drafting and electronics.

Courses taken the junior year are often prerequisites for courses in the senior year. Once taken, the person could move on to the second year and more advanced study.

"Most kids take it (vocational) because they are just being auto mechanics. I'm going to be an automotive engineer which needs four years of college," senior Matt Vernon said.

Senior Matt Vernon chose to take advantage of that option and was enrolled in auto mechanics 2 his senior year. He said the class met at Willowcreek the first three hours of the day. The students came to school and were bussed over to and from the school.

The reason he took the class was because he plans to be an automotive engineer. He is go-

ing to Purdue University, West Lafayette, to study for four years. The class helped him get familiar with cars.

His counselor told him that the class wouldn't look good on his college application but Matt feels the knowledge has helped him a lot.

"Most kids take it because they are just being auto mechanics," Matt said. "I'm going to be an automotive engineer which needs four years of college."

In the class they learn about every aspect of cars. In the first year of auto mechanics, the student goes through a complete engine overhaul. In the second year, the student works on more specialized areas such as transmissions and air conditioning systems.

They have two areas of the class-shop and class work. In class the student goes through troubleshooting, or how to identify problems on cars. In shop they work on cars. Matt said they often work on city vehicles such as police cars.



Juniors Cliff Lenson and Mike Ruebens work in Mr. Vern Strege's Diesel Mechanics. (Miller photo)

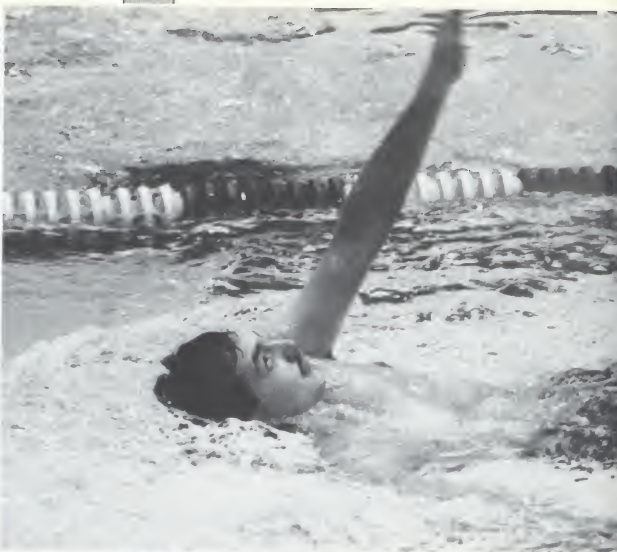
Sophomore Chris Lackey swims the backstroke in Mr. Tom Milteer's swimming class. Mr. Milteer taught two health classes and four physical education classes. (Miller photo)

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6 Reasons to go to Class

1. You won't get caught for ditching. Then you won't get a Saturday class and you can sleep in.
2. You will understand the material for a test. Then you can pass the class and your parents can pay you for good grades (possibly).
3. You won't have to answer any stupid questions about why you weren't in class. Then you won't have to lie to your teacher and everybody knows where you go for lying.
4. You may not have somewhere to go during that hour then you will get caught because you will be roaming aimlessly about.
5. If you go to class, you can get more sleep than you would roaming the halls. Sure, your teacher may yell at you for sleeping, but you can always lie and say you were awake.
6. Just go to class. You may learn something.

Catching a ball in gym class, sophomore Nikki Brown bites her lip. This was the first time Miss Bernita Adkins taught indoor lacrosse. (Miller photo)



Senior Anita Rubalcava concentrates intently on cutting a wire in jewelry making. (Jones photo)

Art and physical education are taken for enjoyment

by Shannon Cable and Michele Clark

Students actually have an interesting class!

Imagine students actually having an enjoyable class, but also learning at the same time. These classes include physical education and various art classes. Both of these classes offer fun and the ability to learn at the same time.

Physical education is a two year required class that involves a variety of activities, anything from gymnastics to indoor lacrosse. This is a class that teaches you something at the same time that students enjoy it.

Jennifer Fluck, freshman, said, "Gym teaches you how to play different sports the right way and how to keep in shape at the same time."

"I improved my physical condition through swimming as well as learning some new swim strokes that I didn't know before taking the class," Brian Guerre, senior, said.

Amy Spiller, junior, only had one activity she enjoyed. "The

only part of gym class I enjoyed was swimming because it's one of my hobbies."

Freshman Stacy Kral has a negative attitude toward gym class. "I don't really enjoy gym class and I don't think it should be required."

"It (art classes) was a very physiological experience. It made me find out more about my abilities. It makes me take a second look at the aspects of my surroundings," Jill Gibson, freshman, said.

Some students may enjoy gym with the exception of certain activities. "Gym can be fun. I enjoy all but the presidential physical fitness tests," Amanda Flynn, sophomore, said.

Rob Chauss, sophomore, said, "I enjoy gym, except I get tired of all the running we have to do."

There are some students who

do feel that gym has no importance and there are some who think that it is a great class to have, but either way it is a required class.

Other classes of enjoyment and learning may include art classes. There are a variety of art classes which makes it easy to be enjoyed. The art program includes Art Survey, Ceramics, Jewelry Making, Drawing, Sculpture, Crafts, Drawing and Painting, Printmaking, History of Art, Commercial Art, Photography and Independent Art Study.

Adam Pluskis, sophomore, who is an Art Foundations student, said, "Art opens your mind and I enjoy it."

Wendy White, sophomore, said, "I have jewelry and I enjoy making interesting things."

"It broadened my mind to an entire world of art that I hadn't previously known to existed. I may even go into it as a career. I believe it releases stress that would otherwise be taken out on friends or parents," Colette Berbesque, freshman, said.



Swimming has its advantages. People in Milteer's class play water basketball, which was a usual Friday occurrence. (Miller photo)

Students choose not to put the books on the shelf

by Shannon Cable and Sheri Conrick

Finally after two full years, four complete semesters, lots of hard work and sacrifice, students can finally put those math and science textbooks away. Those large books, which build arm muscles, can go away forever, or at least until college.

Even though students complain about these classes some choose to continue with them. They actually choose to take three, four or even five years of each. Many of these students chose to pursue careers in these fields.

Christy Canfield, junior, is taking more than two years of science because she would like to be a nurse.

Sean Fingerhoo, freshman, also wants to go into a science related career. He said he would like to be in either physical therapy or business management.

Students generally need more than two years of math and science. To even be considered for Indiana University, starting in the fall of 1991 students are required to have at least two years of algebra

and at least one year of geometry. Sean said, "Colleges look at students with more than two years of each. I'm going to college because I want my future to be good."

Many colleges require students to have two years of lab science, and three to four years of math.

"Math should be required for more than two years because you're going to use it for the rest of your life,"
Andy Scholebo, senior, said.

Opinions vary on whether they feel all students in high school should be required to take these classes.

"Math should be required for more than two years because you're going to use it for the rest of your life. No matter what level of math you get to, you will use it," Andy Scholebo, senior, said.

Guidance counselor Mrs. Debra Heitmann agrees, "I think it's a good idea to have more. It is in the best interest of kids to go beyond

the minimum requirements in both. Everything in society today is becoming technical. Everyone needs the basic reasoning skills that can be obtained from these classes.

"Students should take advantage of what is offered here to help them for their future plans," she added.

Christy has a different view. "I feel two years of math is enough. If they (the students) don't want to take more than the required two years, no one should make them."

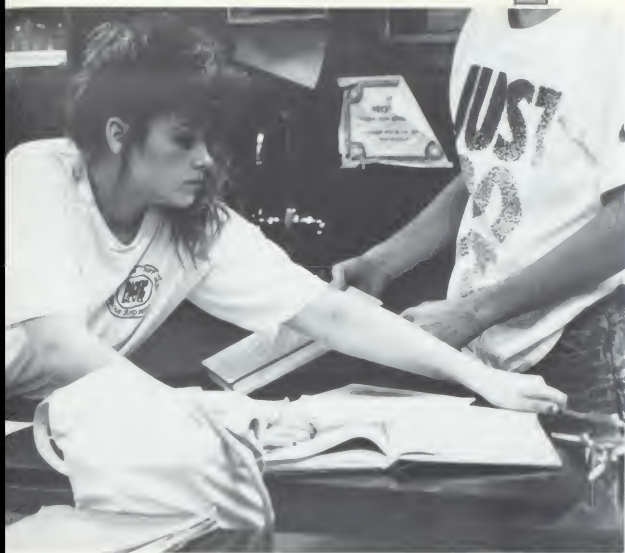
Melissa Arnolds, freshman, agrees. "Taking two years should not be required. It depends on what you like. It may be right for the individual, but maybe not for the group."

Jennifer Gabolan, sophomore, agrees about students taking science. "Students should have the choice of how their future is going to be."

Although the school requires two years of each of these classes, the future of each individual student determines the amount of math and science classes that they will choose to take, whether it be two, three, four or even five years.



Rae Ann Rockhill, senior, participated in the second annual Physics II egg drop contest. The students' eggs were dropped from the roof in containers made by each group. (Miller photo)



Senior Tanya Branshaw helps junior Danny Brocksmith with his work in Chem Com. Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge's Chem Com classes work in small groups so that they can help each other with their work. (Miller photo)

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Six Ways To Cram For Midterms

1. You'll need lots and lots of caffeine. Get a two liter bottle of Jolt and drink the whole thing.
2. Invite all your friends over for a big study session. Make it a huge study party. You will learn better with friends.
3. Stay up all night and read aloud from your text books. Your family won't be in that class, but they'll learn faster if they do take that class.
4. Read the entire text the night before the test. You'll probably forget the whole thing before you turn out the light, but you may remember some of it.
5. Read important parts of your notes, then put them on a tape. Then play the tape all night long. You may have dreams about it, which may help you remember it.
6. You can always start studying at the beginning of the semester and avoid cramming all together. Just do a little review and you should be ready to go.



Senior Glenda Cox completes a lab in Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge's Chem Com class. This lab was used to test paper strength. (Crosslin photo)

During a Math IV Honors party, Melanie Marsden, junior, does her classwork. Mrs. Sparacino's third hour class held a bon voyage celebration in honor of student teacher Ms. Rhonda Kraus before her return to Valparaiso University. (Crosslin photo)

Sophomores **Laura Alkire** and **Teresa Shaw** act out a hotel scene in Spanish II. (Torres photo)

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6 Ways to keep your report card from your mom and dad

1. Start checking the mail at the beginning of the year so you can grab it when it comes in.
2. Don't tell them when you will get your report card so they won't expect it.
3. Hide it as soon as you get it. If you put it in your locker, it may never be seen again.
4. Bring it home but don't give it to them. Hide it in your underwear drawer or in one of your text books, parents never look there.
5. Lie your butt off. Tell them that school doesn't believe in report cards anymore.
6. Work hard and get all A's so that you're not embarrassed to show your parents your report card.



Students in Mr. William Schott's Latin II work from their text books. Sophomore Beth Cantrell said, "I like Latin because Mr. Schott makes it interesting." (Jones photo)



Senior **Joe Rich** works on looking up information for his term in Composition for College Bound Honors. (Jones photo)

Weird rituals overheard in language classrooms

by Sheri Conrick

"Pablo es en tu casa," students chant like a curse.

They sit in desks with weird headphones hooked to their heads mumbbling these mindless statements.

People can hear them down the hallway.

No, this is not a new course in Demonic Literature, it is simply the foreign language students learning their new vocabulary.

Students learn these languages for many reasons even though they are not required to have them to graduate. One of the reasons so many students take a language is that colleges recommend at least two to three years of a language.

Freshman Ryan Fenters said, "One of the reasons that I am taking a language is because colleges require that you take at least two years of a language."

Students opinions vary on whether this should be required or not.

Senior Jamie Creasy said it was a good idea.

"I think taking a foreign language in high school is important. I feel that all honors classes and foreign language classes will help you in college. Even if you do not plan to use this language later, taking the class teaches you how to manage your time and it helps you to be open to new ideas," she said.

"I think English shouldn't be required for more than three years because if you take a vocational course your senior year, English takes up an hour that could be used to better yourself and prepare for college," Beth Cantrell, sophomore, said.

Other students disagree.

Ryan said, "I do not think that colleges should force students to take a language because if don't plan on using it later why should you waste your time."

Julie Calamaris, junior, said, "I think that colleges should not require it unless it goes with the student's major. If a student is going to college for journalism they shouldn't need to take a foreign language."

Many students finish their requirements for college and then are done until college.

Julie is an example of this. She said, "I don't plan on going to Mexico soon so I really do not need this class in the future."

Another type of language that students must take are the English classes, four years are required to graduate.

"I think that four years of English is too much, especially if only two years of math are required. It should be more balanced," Brian Chadwick, junior, said.

Although he admits that he did learn things in this class.

"I think that I've learned a lot this year. I have learned many techniques to improve my writing skills. It gets better as I continue with English," he said.



Senior Barb Thorn discusses some class details with other students in Mr. David Masty's French IV-V Honors. Mr. Masty said, "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it. So far, the enjoyable aspects outweigh the many types of frustration that goes with the position." (Torres photo)

Flashback to those care-free days of field trips, sack lunches, the zoo

by Michele Clark

Remember those carefree days when you were in grade school and mom would pack you the greatest sack lunch and then send you off to school only to leave again on your way to the zoo or one of those wonderful museums. Well, believe it or not, those days aren't totally lost.

The school year consists of many fulfilled activities, one of which is field trips. All of the field trips are supposed to have some type of learning value and also have something to do with the class that the field trips are for.

Rachel Mahns, sophomore, said, "I feel field trips are useful to our knowledge on certain subjects."

Emily Smith, freshman, says, "I think field trips are necessary be-

cause they are educational, fun and they give you a break from everyday school.

On Feb. 28 the Business Skills class got to experience what it is like to get away from the everyday routine of classes. They visited a variety of office buildings throughout Portage.

"Some field trips are necessary because visual sights can help a person comprehend a fact about what they are learning," Kaylene Jones, sophomore, said.

Amanda Smith, freshman, said,

"Field trips, in my opinion, are a good experience for everyone, because we all need to experience what we are learning."

"Going on a field trip is such a great way to understand what you are learning. They (field trips) give you a first hand look of what you see in your books and what you don't see," Jenny Schafer, senior, said.

Ronnie Stanley, junior, said, "I feel that field trips are a necessary part of our high school education, because it does great wonders in expanding our knowledge."

The question of whether or not students go on field trips for the fun of just getting out of school or to learn has to come up in teacher's minds when planning a field trip.

Kim Waters, sophomore, said, "I think some students do go on field trips to learn more, but I also think many don't really care about learning, they just go to go."

Since the field trips are beneficial to the students, many of the students would agree that they should pick their own.

Shawnee Rouse, sophomore, said, "If I could choose a field trip that would suit me best, it would be a spectacular experience of being overseas for a long period of time."

Be it a trip to a museum in France or a Caribbean Cruise, a dream field trip for most is a long way off from the reality of what types of field trips are being taken. A common field trip is to the Indiana Dunes. This is just one of the many field trips that provides benefits.



Senior Liz Shield accepts her award for feature writing at the Media Meritthon at IUPUI. Quill and Scroll members had the opportunity to visit Ball State and IUPUI for two journalism conventions. (Miller photo)



At the Museum of Science and Industry, senior Ron Allemen operates a piece of machinery. (Evans photo)



Sophomore Tony Stanko hits an over the head shot at the Fitness Barn. Mrs. Caren Prow's PE classes went to the Fitness Barn to learn how to play racquet ball the correct way. (Cable photo)

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6 Things to take on a field trip

1. Take a lunch. If you play mom for a fool, you can get her to pack you a lunch full of junk.
2. Don't forget those headphones. Chances are that you will get on the bus with the driver who will only listen to country music.
3. A pillow. Nothing is more uncomfortable than a bus seat after about 20 minutes.
4. A good book or a magazine or something else to keep yourself occupied. Bus rides are usually extremely boring.
5. Always take money. You never know when you might find something you absolutely have to have.
6. Sunglasses. Since most field trips occur during the spring when the sun is blazing and you know you want to see everything.



The Indiana Dunes and National Lake Shore is a popular field trip location. Photography classes visit the Dunes and Brookfield Zoo to shoot the scenery.

Highway 6 says:

"I enjoy the competition in the Duneland Conference, it is very exciting. I enjoy the fact that I always have something to work for," Gerrie Fowble, sophomore, gymnast, said.

Erin Lambert performs her beam routine at the gymnastics meet against Chesterton. The gymnastics team sent three girls to state competition: senior Katie Shurman, junior Julie Witka and sophomore Rebekah Brajcki. The state meet occurred on Saturday, Mar. 6.



Teams stay involved; qualify, place in state competitions

by Sheri Cornick

On the Banks of Highway 6 students find ways to excel in sports. Student athletes go through long practices, grueling meets and pre-season conditioning just to make it to the end of the season with the hopes of winning fame and glory for their school. Many teams have made it far into post-season play.

The gymnastics team had three athletes qualify for state competition. At the meet, sophomore Rebekah Brajcki took second on the floor exercise and junior Julie Witka was named state champion on the balance beam. In the all around Julie placed third and senior Katie Shurman placed 11th.

The boys' cross country team also

made it to state, placing third, with senior Jason Casiano going on to the National competition in California. The girls' cross country team made it to state, also placing third.

The girls swimming team qualified five swimmers to state competition: seniors Peggy Johnson and Stacy Mannering, juniors Heather Hagan and Michelle McConnell and sophomore Gerrie Fowble. The team placed 21st at State.

Cutting the net after winning the Valparaiso sectional is senior Varsity Co-Captain Rick Yudd. Portage beat Hobart in double overtime, 67-64. The game started on a Friday, but due to a severe ice storm, it was finished on Monday. (Rusnak photo)

Concentration is important in any sport and junior Chad Kestner displays his intensity while waiting for the ball. Chad and senior Mike Malaski were the first doubles team to make the state competition from Northern Indiana. (Jones photo)





Baseball

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PHS		OPP
2	Hammond High	0
26	Lake Station	2
1	Elkhart Central	3
3	Elkhart Central	2
5	Munster	3
8	Kankakee Valley	2
0	LaPorte	6
6	Lake Central	9
6	Valparaiso	6
10	M.C. Rogers	10
4	Chesterton	6
7	Merrillville	6
2	Hobart	4
0	LaPorte	10
13	Horace Mann	3
18	Wirt	1
9	M.C. Rogers	12
10	Valparaiso	11
7	Chesterton	4
3	Andean	1
6	Merrillville	2
10	S.B. St. Joe	8
2	Hobart	4
0	Highland	3
6	Crown Point	7
12	Washington Twp.	0
14	Hobart	3
12	M.C. Rogers	2
3	Valparaiso	1
6	Hammond Morton	7
Sectionals		1st

JV Record: 4-8



Freshman catcher Jason Trinks checks for advancing runners after successfully tagging the Chesterton player out on his attempt to score. The freshman record was 2-6.



Varsity Baseball—Front row: Sean Corey, Dave Lebya, Brian Georgei, John Hall, Jeff Hassen, Erik Thompson, Doug Nelson. Row 2: Hal Kilgore, Doug Meyne, Mike Gapinski, David Hill, Glenn Brunker, Marc Lloyd, Joe Crawford. Back row: Coach Tom Levandowski, Steve Jovanovic, Matt Hendershott, Brian Connell, Mike Francesconi, Mike Rithaler, Assistant Coach Mark Francesconi. (Rusnak Photo)

Baseball

More than baseball, wild, crazy fun

by Wendie Cadle

The varsity baseball team found a couple exciting and creative ideas to attract a few extra fans.

Senior Hal Kilgore came up with the idea to become involved in Air Band and the Variety Show. The team decided to perform "You've Lost That Loving Feeling" by The Righteous Brothers in the Variety Show. In the Air Band they changed to a wilder song doing "Legs" by ZZ Top.

They practiced their routines outside of their after school and Saturday morning practices.

Senior John Hall said, "We were in the Variety show and Air Band to try to work together so we could get along better."

Hal said "We were in the Variety *Shortstop Jeff Hassen*, junior, throws a runner out at first in the Crown Point game. The team won this game 7-6.

Show and Air Band because we felt it was a good way to represent the baseball team. We also felt it would help with team unity even though we were already good friends."

Junior Brian Connell said "We participated in Variety Show and Air Band to create good sportsmanship and attitude. Hal gave us the idea and we worked with it."

Sophomore Todd Belsha of the JV team said, "I felt the Air Band and Variety Show idea was great, I think we will definitely discuss the idea next year. It was very inspiring."

When the day of the competi-

tion came the idea proved successful. On Feb. 23, they performed in the Variety Show, receiving an outstanding response from the

"We were in the Variety Show and Air Band to try to work together so we would get along better," senior John Hall said.

audience. On March 15, they performed their act in the Air Band. They took second place out of the fifteen acts competing, winning \$75 to be split between them as their prize.

However baseball this year was not all fun and games, according to players.

The team practiced after school for two to three hours everyday that there was not a game. Saturday practices were also held from 9 a.m.-12 a.m..

Brian Connell, junior, said that practice helped create good hand-eye coordination. The team played as many as four games a week through the months of March, April, May and June.

John said that he plays because they are great people to be with. It's challenging, fun and something to do. He said his older brother inspired him to play, but what he really loves about the game is winning.

Brian said "I've played baseball for nine years. I play because I like the sport and my dad inspired me."

Each player has their own reasons for playing, although they all are in the same category of thought. Whether they play for to be a part of a team or to win, their inspirations lay out a unique pathway for their successes in baseball.



JV Baseball--Front row: Jeff Chadwick, Jason Kennedy, David Munoz, Mike Moraitis, Mike Chaykowski, Joe Romero, Freddy Jaime. **Back row:** Manager Lisa Clark, Todd Belsha, Kevin Mosier, Brent Williams, Cruz Rosales, Jeremy Mears, Phil Lewandowski, Jason Solomon, John Wyatt, Coach Jerry Laskey. (Miller Photo)



Freshman Baseball--Front row: Jamie Miles, Pat Walsh, Jason Trinks, Steve Rose, Rolando Soto, John Olis. **Row 2:** Coach Robert Parker, Eric Wiseman, John Szabo, Elmore Mundell, Chris Jones, Steve Christian, Joe Frazier. **Back row:** Dave VanWarren, Eric Fancher, Ryan Fenters, Mike Foltz, Erich Strausbaugh. (Westmoreland Photo).

Basketball

Unity leads to a sectional victory

by Tracey Westforth

Winning the Valparaiso sectional title was not the only major accomplishment of the Varsity Boys' Basketball team. They also developed unity, confidence and an overall team spirit that lead them to a positive season.

The team practiced two hours, six days a week and free throws before school. "The way we practiced often determined the way we were going to play in the game," senior Rick Yudit said.

Starting with a 0-3 record the Indians managed to turn their season around and finish 3rd in the Duneland Conference. Junior Chris De Vries said, "It was a good

progressive season, that is the stepping stone for good teams in the future."

Winning the Valparaiso sectionals for the second time in four years was not only difficult to obtain but was also unexpected.

"No one expected us to win," Coach Greg Fisher said. "I was really happy for our seniors and for all the support we received."

Senior Jason Robertson said, "We had one 'group' of people that supported us all year, win or

lose. Those people were the best and they really made a tremendous contribution to our success."

One of the most memorable moments for many of the team members was cutting down the net at sectionals. Junior Jim Pantell and Chris remember "The Shot" by junior Walter Sandoval in the last seconds of the game that tied the score.

After the sectional victory had sunk in, players had to begin to prepare both mentally and physi-

cally for the regional game. "Mentally we had to be confident of our team and its abilities. Physically we needed to be in shape and rested for the game," Chris said.

All the team's preparation paid off in the first Regional game when the Indians obtained a 65-62 victory over 8th ranked South Bend Riley. Unfortunately, the Indians were unable to grasp the Regional title when they were defeated by the LaPorte Slicers, 77-56.

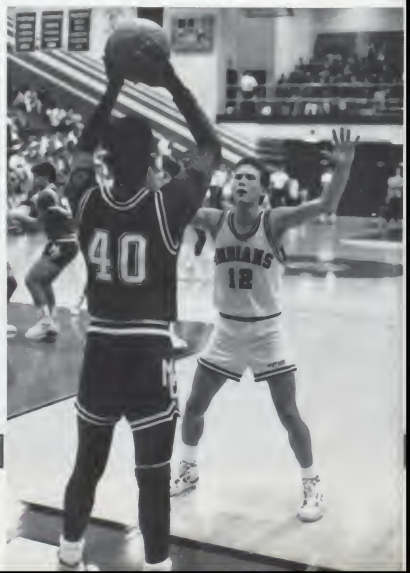
Despite the disappointment of losing Regionals, Rick said, "Winning sectionals made the whole season worthwhile. That was the greatest moment of my high school career."

"We had one 'group' of people that supported us all season, win or lose," senior Jason Robertson said.



Led by senior Jason Robertson, the basketball team enters the gym to warm up. The cheerleaders, poms and lifters formed a path for the players to run through before every game.

Attempting to deter a M.C. Rogers player from putting the ball into play is junior Walter Sandoval. The Indians won the Rogers game 66-63.



Boys' Varsity Basketball

16-9

PHS	OPP
59 Lowell	69
59 M.C. Elston	68
76 Calumet	77
57 Kankakee Valley	49
60 Lake Station	50
49 Andean	53
55 Hammond Noll	46
67 Munster	46
43 Hammond	42
57 Hammond Morton	46
52 Hobart	49
58 LaPorte	65
45 Highland	42
58 Chesterton	41
50 Valparaiso	59
59 Merrillville	61
85 Hammond Clark	38
66 M.C. Rogers	63
52 Lake Central	55
59 Crown Point	47

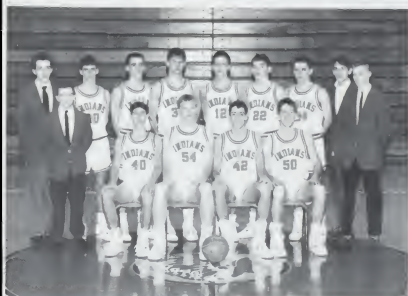
Sectionals

74 Morgan Township	48
61 Chesterton	42
67 Hobart	64

Regionals

65 South Bend Riley	62
56 LaPorte	77

Participating in an all out struggle to make the rebound are seniors Jason Robertson, Rick Yudi and junior Chris Haskell. Rick was the teams' top rebounder for the season.



Boys' Varsity Basketball—Front Row: Nick Smith, Jim Pantell, Chris DeVries, Rick Yudi, Chris Haskell, Joey Taylor **Back Row:** Ken Nickos, Chad Szabo, Jason Robertson, Jim Tinnel, Walter Sandoval, Doug Meyne, Mike Tosh, James Pattek.

Freshman Joe Frazier keeps a close guard against his opponent at a freshman home basketball game.

At a home game against Michigan City Elston, sophomore Scott Drake passes the ball to junior Chris DeVries for an outside shot.



JV—Front Row: Scott Drake, Tim Mattix, Chris DeVries, Jacob Adams. **Back Row:** Louis Rodriguez, Sean Kittell, James Kirk, Chad Szabo, Mike Tosh, Brian Czapl (Miller photo)



Freshman—Front Row: Rodney Delhage, Rolando Soto, Kent Fisher, Joe Frazier, Tom Berger, Bryon Clouse, Jon Lukowski. **Row 2:** Mike Faltz, Joe Classen, Kurt Mattix, Ryan Fenters, Toby Cichowicz, Tony DeVries. **Back Row:** Asst. Coach Jerry Lasky, Dan McWhirter, Eric Wiseman, Pete Shipper, Eric Strausbaugh, Geoff Butler, Coach Bob Mattix, Manager Lisa Clark.

Basketball

Practice, teamwork equal victory

by Caryn Peterson and Niki Scarbrough

The crowd goes wild. He shoots for the basket. Yes! It is a two point score. That seemed to be a quite regular occurrence at many boys' basketball games this year.

Both the freshman and JV basketball teams had winning seasons this year. The freshman A team was 12-7 and the B team was 13-3. The JV team was 12-8.

The support of the team and the parents was a big part of the success of the teams.

Junior Chad Szabo said, "I was happy with the way everybody got along."

The team unity was a big part of each game.

"We stuck together very well," freshman Kurt Mattix said.

As for the goals of the season, some were met and some were not.

All three teams had a very demanding schedule. There was practice everyday except Sunday; but team members thought practices proved to be worth it.

Szabo said, "Especially the Saturday mornings, so you could get up and move around."

Mattix added, "At practice we would work very hard and prepare for the other team."

The highs and lows of the sea-

son were both positive and negative.

Szabo said, "We started out the season strong

"We started out the season strong and played to our potential," junior Chad Szabo said.

and played to our potential." Szabo said the negative aspect was, "Tossing the final game of the season."

Freshman Joe Clasen said, "We had a pretty good all around team with no real superstar, there was always a different lead scorer each game."

He said the negative aspect of the season was when, "We lost six players five of which played on the A team, four suffered injuries and

two quit."

Many team members feel that fan support is a major part of a good basketball team.

Chad replied, "I was impressed with our student section."

Kurt said, "At the freshman level it was poor but at JV it was a lot better."

Memorable moments are a part of high school athletics, whether a team memory or an individual memory.

Kurt's memorable moment was being moved up to JV and being able to contribute to the team.

Chad's most memorable moment was "The lecture from Coach Buzea at halftime of the Hobart game. It got the adrenaline flowing."



Junior Mike Tosh reaches for the ball during a home basketball game against the LaPorte Slicers.

Anticipating the fall of the ball, Portage and the opposition, Michigan City Elston, huddle for the catch.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

6-14

PHS		OPP
79	Andrean	52
47	Hobart	72
81	Hammond Gavit	50
48	Crown Point	78
47	Chesterton	58
67	Highland	46
40	Merrillville	51
55	E.C. Central	67
51	Kankakee Valley	50
59	Lafayette Harrison	71
61	Twin Lakes	73
56	Hammond Morton	59
45	Hobart	56
40	Valparaiso	63
69	Lake Station	33
43	M.C. Rogers	48
70	Lake Central	82
50	LaPorte	64
Sectionals		
70	Morgan Twp.	42
44	Valparaiso	66



Guarding her opponent closely, senior Beth Brechner watches intently. Beth led the team this season averaging 17.6 points per game, 7 rebounds, 5.3 steals and 5.4 assists. She also shot 60% from 3-point range, helping her become the season and career leader. Beth also was chosen as one of the Hoosier Basketball's Top 100 seniors, and was invited to try out for the All Star team in March.



Girls' Varsity Basketball—Front row: Manager Missy Cardenas, Debra Fessler, Jodi Wahlman, Leanne Shukette, Sierra Lagwau, Manager Aris Kessler. Back row: Coach Renee Turpa, Marisa Krenkel, Beth Brechner, Theresa Shaw, Kasey Reynolds, Deanne Vallow, Holly Pierce, Scorekeeper Eric S. Miller, Camerman James Platek.

Basketball

Challenging season inspires team

by David Jennings and
Eric S. Miller

It was a coach's nightmare. Losing five players from the last season, four of them starting players, the upcoming season didn't look very promising.

Fortunately, the remaining players didn't see things the way others may have. When practice began, each player sacrificed two hours after school and on Saturdays. Aerobics, running and shooting drills all merged to form the varsity girls' basketball team.

"It was a year to rebuild and we definitely improved toward the end of the year," junior Leanne Shukitis

said. "Our record may not show much, but we were better than people think."

"At the beginning of the season, we didn't play that good as a team, but by the end of the season, we played better together," junior Deanne Vallow said.

These efforts were visible throughout the season at different times. "When we played Lake Central and we all played as a team," was a highlight for Deanne.

"We didn't give up and we did everything we had planned on doing."

"We had to learn to play four quarters of good basketball and to be aggressive from the start of the game and not wait till we were down or up by a lot," Deanne added.

"Knowing we had to come against the teams as the so called 'underdogs,'" was challenging to Leanne. "We had to prove them wrong somehow, but we some-

times didn't achieve it."

Although the achievements may not have been as great as expected, memories were still made.

"My most memorable moment was when I started for the first time against Crown Point," Deanne said.

"Even though we had a losing season, I felt we learned from our mistakes and will work hard in the summer to make us improve and have a winning season next year," Leanne said. "I think we all would have liked to have gone further into sectionals. I think next year if we really want it bad enough we can do it too!"



Attempting a shot in the Jan. 17 varsity game vs. Michigan City Rogers, junior Jodi Wahlman watches the ball closely. They lost the game with a score of 48-43.

Trying to guard her opponent, junior Marisa Krenkel plays her position in a man-to-man defense. The girls' finished their season with a 0-6 record in the Duneland Athletic Conference.

Dribbling down the court, sophomore JV player Tracie Splittergerber looks for an open shot, hoping to attempt a layup.

Attempting a shot at the M.C. Rogers game, freshman Lesa Strausbaugh hopes to pull her team up two more points. Lesa was one of the three freshman to play on the JV team.



JV Girls' Basketball—Front row: Manager Amy Kessler, Vicki Sims, Amy Mattix, Manager Missy Cardenas. Row 2: Cameraman James Piatek, Melissa Stitts, Lisa Christy, Melissa Lockwood, Tracie Splitterger, Scorekeeper Eric S. Miller. Back row: Nikki Brown, Jennifer Fisher, Jenna Gatewood, Coach Sue Lipinski, Lesa Strausbaugh, Robin Autrey, Michelle McKinney.



Freshman Girls' Basketball—Front row: Lisa Manna, Cheryl Fain, Candi Modesto, Carrie Stout, Monica Overturf, Lori Norman. Row 2: Holly Misco, Carrie Modesto, Danielle Robertson, Kristi Terwilliger, Jessica Frenck, Debbie Haskell. Back row: Coach Mark Baker, Manager Terri Gersten, Vanessa Murrow, Melissa Spurlock, Jennifer Cox, Coach Ledyard. (Miller photo)

Basketball

Teams build for brighter future

by David Jennings

Quite often the Junior Varsity and freshman teams of any sport don't get much attention. Yet, these years can be building blocks for how the varsity teams will do in the following years. Then, finally, they will be in the spotlight.

"Some of the goals our JV team had were having a winning record and placing first at our tournament," sophomore Robin Autrey said. Both of these goals were accomplished.

"My individual goals were to play my hardest and not to get down on the other team members or myself," Robin said.

"To do the best we could," freshman Cheryl Fain said. "We

didn't care how many games we won, just as long as we had fun and did the best we could."

Teams prepare hard for competition at their long hours of practice. Watching tapes of competition playing, working hard at practices and preparing mentally are just a few of the ways the JV and freshman teams prepared.

"I think our biggest strength as a team was our team work. We always worked together and when we did well it was because the whole team worked together,"

Robin said. "Our weakness was our height. We weren't a tall team, but we played strong and our speed made up for our height."

"Our toughest competition was

playing LaPorte in the championship game of our tournament. We had a lot of stress on us, but we stuck it out and played our best game," Robin said.

Seasons are often filled with many memories. Some good, some not so good.

"The one memory that will always stay in my mind was winning our JV tournament. It was the first

time Portage won the JV tourney in over 10 years. It was a great feeling," Robin said.

"Making my first three pointer. It was a goal I had had all year for myself," Cheryl said.

A lot of teams sometimes are carried by one or two outstanding players, but better teams are usually made of an entire team effort.

"Danielle Robertson kept our team spirit up and helped keep us motivated," Cheryl said.

"We had outstanding players each game, but it's not fair to call anyone a leader because we all played hard and worked together. When one person shined, we all did," Robin said.

"... we played hard and worked together," sophomore Robin Autrey said. "When one person shined, we all did."



Looking for a teammate to pass the ball to sophomore JV player Amy Mattix keeps the ball away from her opponent. The JV team ended their season with a winning record of 12-6.

Freshman player Jessica Frencl dribbles down the court as two Hobart players look on during the Hobart game. The freshman team finished their season with a record of 2-10. (Miller Photo)

Boys'
Cross Country
6-1

PHS	OPP
15 Merrillville	50
15 LaPorte	50
15 New Prairie	50
15 M.C.Rogers	50
27 Chesterton	28
32 Valparaio	25
15 Hobart	50
Penn Hokum Karem	1st
Rebel Invite	1st
Rensselear Central Invite	3rd
New Prairie Invite	2nd
Southport Invite	1st
Manchester Invite	1st
Conference	1st
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	1st
Semi-State	1st
State	3rd

JV Record: 5-2



Running in the state cross country tournament is senior Jason Casiano. Jason took first at the state tournament and second in nationals, which were held in San Diego, California. (Photo courtesy of Prestige Portraits)



Boys' Cross Country—Front Row: Joe Timmons, Dave Lapine, Dan Allen, Jimmy Helmecey, Ken Crews. Row 2: Coach Bill Wilke, Chris Melvin, Jason Stepanovich, Vince McCulloch, Jason Casiano, Sean Padlo, Ray Thompson, Jeff Bonez, Jay Bridges, Brandon Dolby, Coach Jim McCabe. Back Row: David Castellanos, Ron Warren, Danny Lundin, John Arrendondo, Jay Gutierrez, Chris Lynch, Jete Toftack, Larry Baker, David Bell, Chris Chelich. (Miller photo)

Boys' Cross Country

Unity, tradition take team to top

by Wendie Cadle

Watching the team develop into one of the top teams in the state when they weren't expected to be so tough was the season highlight for cross country Coach Bill Wilke.

"We won the Duneland Conference, sectionals, semi-state and finished third in the state finals. This was our eighth straight top five finish at state," Coach Wilke said.

According to senior Jason Casiano cross country is a tradition that will never die. Setting goals is part of this tradition; however, setting these goals isn't as important as meeting them.

Junior Chris Chelich said, "We

made individual goals along with a few team goals. Some of the team goals were personal goals were not."

Along with setting these goals and striving to meet them, unity was a good aspect of the team this year.

Jason said "The team unity was great this year. We could put aside our differences and work toward a common goal."

Sophomore John Arrendondo

said, "Team unity was great, it was definitely a good aspect this year."

Jason said there wasn't a single

runner that stood out; the team as a whole stood out.

Sophomore Chris Melvin said, "Team unity was pretty good because everybody had respect for each other."

The team agreed that Jason

deserved some special recognition and named Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1990 "Jason Casiano Day" to

acknowledge Jason's outstanding achievements during his cross country career.

"Jason was the state cross country champion for the second straight year. He was also second in the nation at the Kinney National Cross Country Championship. Jason received much notariety and deserved it," Coach Wilke said.

"Jason is an outstanding runner and a real down to earth guy," John said.

The team ran a 4 to 7 mile practice before and after school each day. The Indiana Dunes added variety to the team's run.

"Team unity was pretty good because everybody had respect for each other," sophomore Chris Melvin said.



Determined to place high in the state is Jason Steponavich. Jason took twelfth in state and third in the Duneland Conference meet. (Photo courtesy of Prestige Portraits)

Taking a break are senior Jote Tofaker, foreign exchange student from Norway, and junior Chris Chelich. Jote placed eighteenth in the Semi-state meet.

Girls' Cross Country

Work, determination boosts team

by David Jennings and Linda Tuncay

Even in an individualized sport like cross country, team work is still a very essential component of a team. The girls' cross country team was forced to pull together to make up for a loss which occurred on Sept. 16. Their top runner, senior Chrissy Wilson suffered three broken cervical vertebrae and neck ligament damage, and could no longer run for the team after she was involved in an auto accident. Still this did not stop the team from a successful season.

The girls worked hard and had determination enough to still go

on to semi-state, placing seventh.

"At the time of Chrissy's accident, she was not only our number one runner, but she was also our leader. Her accident strengthened our team, because we all had to pull together and work harder at improving ourselves individually," sophomore Rachel Mahns said.

Chrissy's teammates picked up the slack in the Highland Invita-

tional to place second among 17 teams. They trailed Valparaiso, 70-88.

"Cross country is more of an individual sport," freshman Lesa Strausbaugh said, "you just do the best you can, and hope everyone else does the same,"

"I never doubted they would come back and do well," Coach Connie Bennet said. "That's the kind of character they had. They were determined to come out strong. I think it was a confidence-builder for them, that they

realized it's not just one person."

The girls' placed third at the

Duneland Conference meet. The top six finishers were junior Marisa Krenkel, fifth, freshman Carrie Stout, fifteenth, sophomore Rachel Mahns, sixteenth, senior Suzie Bumbales, seventeenth, sophomore Theresa Shaw, eighteenth, and senior Vicky Brown, twentieth.

"I don't think most people expected us to make it as far as we did without our top runner," Rachel added.

"Cross country is more of an individual sport," freshman Lesa Strausbaugh said, "you just do the best you can, and hope everyone else does the same. It's hard work, but it's worth it in the end."



Sharing some Gatorade, junior Christine Minick and sophomore Theresa Shaw take a break after a race.

Named most valuable runner of the season, junior Marisa Krenkel keeps a speedy pace as she journeys through the path at Woodland Park.





Girls' Cross Country

4-4

PHS		OPP
32	Crown Point	25
17	Merrillville	45
15	LaPorte	50
17	New Prairie	46
33	Rogers	22
34	Chesterton	23
31	Valpo	26
16	Hobart	49
Penn Hokum Karem		1st
Rebel Invite		2nd
Rensselaer Central Invite		2nd
New Prairie Invite		2nd
Highland Invite		2nd
Conference		3rd
Sectionals		2nd
Regionals		2nd
Semi-state		7th



After a race, senior Suzie Bumbales takes the tape off of her ankle. Suzie received her fourth letter at the fall sports banquet for cross country.

Girls' Cross Country--Front row: Michelle Gibson, Heather McHenry, Wendy Salich, Vicky Brown, Carrie Stout. Back row: Suzie Bumbales, Rachel Mahms, Marisa Krenkel, Lesa Strausbaugh, Christine Minick, Theresa Shaw, Chrissy Wilson.

Varsity FOOTBALL

6-5

PHS	OPP
27 Highland	14
21 LaPorte	20
20 Merrillville	21
12 Lake Central	35
29 M.C. Rogers	10
14 Hobart	24
41 Valparaiso	29
38 Chesterton	14
O'Rama	
13 Valparaiso	0
0 Hobart	7
Sectionals	
14 Valparaiso	24



Wide receiver Hal Kilgore, senior, makes a narrow escape as a player from M.C. Rogers attempts a tackle. Hal led the Indians with six recoveries, and 15 receptions this season. (Miller photo)

Quarterback Rick Yude, senior, successfully receives a pass from John Classen, junior, during the Homecoming game against M.C. Rogers. The Indians defeated the Raiders, 29-10. (Miller photo)



Receiving congratulations from his team mates is senior Sean Ashby. Sean has been a noseguard for only a single year; however, he has participated in football for ten years. (Miller photo)

Varsity Football

Practice pays off for team in the end

by Wendie Cadle

Approximately 80 high school boys traded their cut off sweats and long days on the beaches for a lot of hard work and sore muscles on Aug. 7.

The football team practiced five days a week from 8 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. with only one break. During this break the team members were allowed to eat lunch, to lift weights, or to go swimming. These practices which consisted of stretching, form running, scrimmaging, and other physical and mental exercises lasted until school started.

However, the fighting Indians were not through with their tough

practice and hard work. They still practiced every day for the rest of the season, and attended weight training year round.

Although most team members dread the thought of these tough practices, the majority of them said that the practice did pay off. Senior Mike Francesconi said, "Practice definitely pays off because if you keep practicing, your going to get better everyday. The key is getting better every week so you can hopefully achieve something in the

playoffs, and if you don't practice you don't get better and other teams are going to pass you up."

Senior Chris Stanley said, "Practice always pays off in the

"Practice always pays off in the long run no matter what. Practicemakes perfect," senior Chris Stanley said.

long run no matter what. Practice makes perfect."

"Yes, practice definitely pays off, you play like you practice. Usually if you practice bad you play bad, you have to practice good to play good.

Behind every good team there is a good practice routine," said senior Rick Yudi.

Junior John Clasen, said that practice helped get the team in better shape and better condition than the other teams. He also said that practice helped with team unity and attitude. Other team members felt the same way.

Senior Hal Kilgore said, "Practice helps us get mentally prepared for Friday nights."

Some members commented on the importance of weight training, they said if they don't attend it's a mistake on their part.

All in all the majority of the team agreed that practice payed off in the end leaving the team with a better attitude, more team unity, and a successful season.



Varsity Football—Front Row: Trainer Jennifer French, Jeff W. Smith, John Creasy, Tony Turner, Robert Russel, Mark Croell, Ryan Babjak, Mike Mead, Erik Schreier, Dennis Ronik, Andy Baker, Brent Williams, Athletic trainer Dan Merrill, Asst. Coach Craig Buxel. **Row 2:** Brian Watson, Shawn Ford, Jason Goins, Rick Yudi, Mark Broda, John Clasen, Jeff Hassen, Jim Knight, Mark Robinson, Bill Wilson, Mike Memoratus, Jason Kennedy, Pete Turpa. **Row 3:** Jacob Adames, Tim Mattix, Paul Palchuk, Jason Maxwell, Hal Kilgore, Mike Hutka, Dee Cook, Jim Richards, Sean Ashby, Eric Popp, Jim Tinnel, Craig Speke, Asst. Coach Larry Tharp. **Row 4:** Ken Nickos, Michael Laurin, Max Hutka, Michael Torres, Dan Dishno, Aaron Pendleton, Matt Hendershott, Jeremy Mathis, Rob Rodriguez, Milo Johnson, Todd Waugman, Todd Belsha, Jason Solomon, Asst. Coach Dave Mattix. **Row 5:** Trainer Joe Lavendusky, Jason O'Neal, Fred McWilliams, Dennis Flanagan, Mike Francesconi, Jim Kobialka, Doug Meyne, Mike Rithaler, Roger Peek, Andy Sholebo, Jeff Medley, Jim Pentell, Ryan Ashby, Asst. Coach Mark Francesconi. **Row 6:** John Prieto, Dan Stanley, Charles Hamlin, William Price, Mike Alaniz, Bernie Recio, Adam Jaworski, David Urchick, Chris Stanley, Joe Romero, Adam Hedger, Kevin Lewis, Asst. Coach Terry Milner. **Back Row:** Sean M. Smith, Mike Willard, Jim Eagen, Dave Elman, Brian Connell, Dan Jaworski, Brian Smolnick, Coach Bob Mattix. (Miller photo)

Preparing to hand off the ball is freshman Jeff Kennedy. Jeff plays quarterback on the team and also participates in freshman basketball.

Freshman Eric Wiseman, catches his breath and quenches his thirst while watching the game from the sidelines.



JV Football—Front Row: Todd Belsha, Jeremy Mathis, Jim Knight, Brent Williams, Bill Wilson, Joe Romero Row 2: Coach Larry Sharp, Mike Marnounas, Max Hutka, Dan Stanley, Ryan Bobjack, Erik Sheier, Craig Spelce, Michael Laurin, Coach Mark Francesconi Row 3: Ryan Ashby, Jim Tinnel, Mike Torres, Mike Willard, Jason Solomon, Jason O'Neal, Mike Rittaler, Kevin Lewis Row 4: Dan Jaworski, John Cressy, Dennis Ronk, Shawn Ford, Jeff Hassan, Jason Goins, Mike Mead, Jason Kennedy Back Row: Dennis Flannagan, Jacob Adames, Fred McWilliams, Todd Waugaman, John Prieto, Brian Connell, Paul Palichuck, Jim Pantell



Freshman Football—Front Row: Keven Tavemier, Jason Trinks, Joe Foster, Thomas Berger, Ryan Fenters, Brian Balas, Bill McCall, Miguel Ayala, Travis Warren, Andy Lindstrom, Larry Chapman, Tony Hammerstein, Larry Laflower Row 2: Bryan Dowd, Jeff Kennedy, Kent Fisher, Jeff Chadwick, John Ols, Rolando Solo, Steve Christian, Joe Fraser, Brian Mears, John Woods, Steve Rose Row 3: Ed Rodriguez, Dan Bonta, Brian Clause, Kevin Scott, Dennis Von, Dan Barton, John Yuhas, Steve Flannagan, Joseph Clasen, Jim McMurray, Dan Scholebo, Pat Welsh Back Row: Coach Jay Hodges, Chris Shaffer, Kurt Mattix, Thomas Leullman, Jamie Miles, Elmore Mundell, Eric Wiseman, Dan Stamper, Jeremy Lovall, Dan McWhirter, Pete Shippin, Butch Ottenwright, Jeremy Mears, Keith Krisher, Greg Thompson, Coach Steve Livingston, Coach Phil Wright

Football

Rigorous coaches lead to success

by Wendie Cadle

"To be a coach takes many talents such as being a leader, knowing your game rules and all of the loop holes (tricks), and most important the ability to be rigid with your players," sophomore Joe Romero said.

As shown by the records of the Freshman and Junior Varsity football teams, the coaches were successful in leading the team to a victorious season. The record for the freshmen team was 6-1 and the JV record was 7-3.

Exactly what did it take to get the season going right and to keep it on the right track throughout the season?

"From the first day of practice till the day the team returns their uniforms the coaches must be strict and stern," freshman Dan Stamper said.

"All teenagers are known for 'gooling around'. That's our reputation this is why we need a stern strict coach, to keep us in line," sophomore Max Hutka said.

Sophomore Todd Belsha, who plays on the junior varsity team said that rigorous coaches helped keep the team together and led the team to victory.

Junior Jeremy Mathissaid, "The coaches were rough at times this year which benefitted us because it made us want to listen to them."

Sophomore Joe Romero said, "If the coaches weren't rough then

everyone would goof off and we wouldn't get anything accomplished."

Freshman Danny Stamper said "Rigorous coaches help the team

"Rigorous coaches help the team because they make you work, but if they are too rough that will just hurt the team," freshman Danny Stamper said.

because they make you work, but if they are too rough that will just hurt the team."

Freshman Chris Shaffer said "Rigorous coaches make us better because the discipline makes us work harder and the harder we work the better we get."

Max said that good discipline and strict coaches help the team to be successful.

Sophomore Brent Williams

said, "Rigorous coaches push us to work harder which forces us to do good and have a successful season."

Junior Jim Knight said, "Rigid coaches help us because coaches are part of the team and team means win."

"That extra push only a coach can give puts the team in shape and drives us to success. Although it isn't always needed by each individual player, it makes us do our best as a team and is greatly appreciated by everyone," sophomore Mike Mamounas said.

Mike and the majority of the team agreed that their rigorous coaches helped to keep them in control, which helped with team unity as well. This is what made the season successful.



Stoically explaining a play to freshman Joe Frazier is Asst. Coach Steve Livingston. This rigid technique was successful throughout the season keeping the team together and attentive.

Recovering from a tackle, catching his breath and regaining his strength for the next play is sophomore Jason Kennedy. The Junior Varsity team finished their season with a record of 7-2.

Boys' Golf

19-2

PHS	OPP
156 Boone Grove	178
168 Andean	168
180 Munster	182
168 Griffith	210
163 Highland	175
164 Crown Point	168
168 Hobart	193
168 Merrillville	186
175 Valparaiso	179
175 M.C. Rogers	175
157 Valparaiso	167
157 Merrillville	194
146 LaPorte	160
146 Chesterton	161
184 Chesterton	181
184 Hobart	212
174 LaPorte	172
174 M.C. Rogers	180
164 Lowell	170
164 Hanover Central	180
Conference	2nd
Lake Hills Invite	9th
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	8th



Girls' Golf

6-5

212 Lowell	216
227 Knox	225
225 Hobart	271
233 Merrillville	336
231 M.C. Rogers	264
222 M.C. Elston	224
218 M.C. Marquette	188
220 Chesterton	219
223 Valparaiso	183
238 Crown Point	174
221 Munster	223
Sectionals	8th



Boys' Golf—Front row: Brian Ringer, Ted Haraminac, Larry Laflower, Chris Payne.
Row 2: David Foster, Mike Duron, Mike Tosh, Caleb Zelencik, Nate Watson. Back row:
Jeff Parker, Scott Lindsey, Rich Slawinski, Scott Milteer, Coach Mike Lemond.



Girls' Golf—Nicole Scarbrough, Vanessa Koski, Caryn Peterson, Teresa Achten, Amy Simola.

Golf

Teams have record breaking seasons

by Wendie Cadle

The boys' and girls' golf teams consisted of many excellent athletes this year. Both teams had record breaking talents and successful seasons. The girls' record was 6-5, and the boys' was 19-2.

The girls beat Michigan City Rogers for the first time in the team's history. Scoring was led by junior Vanessa Koski with a 55, and junior Teresa Achten with a 56. The girls turned in their best score of the season when they defeated Lowell 212 to 216.

Although they came in seventh at the Duneland Conference, Vanessa made the all Duneland conference team.

As he concentrates on his follow through, junior Mike Tosh watches the ball closely, hoping to make the shot. Mike helped lead the team to a victory at sectionals having the second lowest score.

They finished sixth at the Valparaiso sectionals. Junior Amy Simola led Portage with her best score of the year with a 103.

Defeating Michigan City Rogers for the first time ever was the highlight of the season for junior Vanessa Koski and senior Amy Simola.

"Another highlight of the season was when I scored my best 18 holes at sectionals," Amy said.

Their team unity was also a successful part of the season.

"We all got along and became good friends and we all improved throughout the season," Amy said.

"The team got along great! If someone was upset about the way they played we were all there to

cheer her up. It was good that we worked together because if there was conflict within our team we wouldn't have performed as well," Vanessa said.

The boys' team was successful also. Breaking three records this season. They broke the best over-

all record, the home course record and the most consecutive wins record. They also tied LaPorte for the Duneland Conference title with a record of

10-2.

Winning conference was the highlight of the season for juniors Mike Duron and Mike Tosh.

"We had the most wins for a team in the schools' golf history," Mike Tosh said.

"We had the most wins of a team in the school's golf history," junior Mike Tosh said.

Another highlight of Mike's (Tosh) season was breaking the schools' record for most consecutive wins.

"The dedication the guys put in over the summer is what made the team so strong," Mike (Tosh) said. "There wasn't much experience, but they were dedicated and practiced on their time."

"We were successful because of the work put in and the fact that the other teams in the area weren't as strong as they usually are," Mike (Duron) said.

Although the season was successful Mike (Tosh) said team unity wasn't as good as it should have been. It could have been better.

On the other hand Mike (Duron) said team unity was pretty good. "Sure we had our fights, but we always got done what we needed to get done that day."



Following through after attempting a shot, junior Vanessa Koski practices her put. Vanessa was chosen as the most valuable player of the season.

Lining up the shot, junior Mike Duron carefully plots the path for his next swing. Mike had the third highest score for the team at sectionals, where they won for the first time ever. He was one of the three from the team chosen to be on the Duneland Conference team. Also chosen were, named most valuable golfer in the DAC, senior Dave Foster, and junior Scott Milteer.

Gymnastics

7-1

PHS		OPP
99.9	Elston	76
102	LaPorte	84.55
103.5	Hobart	89.05
105.3	Crown Point	85.7
106.65	Merrillville	106.95
102	Lowell	85.8
109.7	Valparaiso	109.15
106.15	Chesterton	98.75
Lafayette	Jeff. Invite	1st
102.8	Merrillville	101.2
Marion	Invite	1st
106.95	Marion	101.35
Conference		3rd
Sectional		3rd
JV Record:8-0		



Performing on the beam at the Chesterton dual meet, junior Julie Witka begins her routine with her original Silvas mount that helped her edge an early score of 9.65 at the state meet, winning the individual championship on the beam with a score of 9.7. Julie, who returned this season after reconstructive knee surgery and nine months of rehabilitation, placed third in the all-around at regionals and state. She also finished 12th on vault (9.25), 8th on bars (9.0) and 9th on floor (8.95).



Gymnastics—Front row: Gerrie Fowle, Trisha Springer, Tonia Highlands, Merri Noble, Shelli Gibson, Monica Martinez, June Spoa, Dawn Tutko, Tammy Modesto **Back row:** Manager Thad Hadley, Manager Jeff Thomas, Manager Beth Shurman, Christine Foreman, Katie Shurman, Cindy Pappas, Julie Witka, Rebekah Brajcki, Erin Lambert, Coach Kelly Bernes, Coach Caren Prow. (Miller Photo)

Girls' *Gymnastics*

Gymnasts' fall short of state goal

by David Jennings

If there was one thing the gymnastics team should've felt this season, it was pressure. Starting out the season ranked sixth, soon taking third, then losing Merrillville for second, and finally, after defeating Valparaiso with a record breaking score, they took the No. 1 spot.

"I think this year we handled the rankings much better. We realized that it was going to be super-close between us, Valparaiso and Merrillville. Just because we were ranked first didn't mean anyone was just going to give us anything. We still had to work to win," junior Julie Witka said. "When you're local competition is the three top ranked teams, making it to state is harder than winning at state."

With a team ranked so well, state had to be the gold at the end of the rainbow for them, but all the regular season meets and invitationals were equally important.

"Although state was in the back of our minds, we looked to and worked for the next meet," senior Cindy Pappas said.

"There's no doubt that I'd rather us have been qualified to state as a team and passed the tough battle at Regionals, but the dual meets were also important," Julie said.

One way the team kept themselves so high in the rankings was by teamwork and by setting goals.

"Our goal as a team, of course, was to make it to state.

Another goal we had was not to 'peak' too soon, but towards the end of the season instead," Julie said. "My personal goal was to comeback as strong as I could from my injury. I'm pleased with how I did."

With every good team, they still have their weaknesses, and also their strong points.

"A strength was that we were more team oriented this year," sophomore Merri Noble said.

"At first our attitudes were weak, but near the end, they were great. We were very deep. We had three girls who could win all around at state. We were strong because we pushed each other, and we also knew how to handle pressure," Julie said. "I think our depth was our largest virtue. The fourth and fifth girls could pull 9.0's also, and that's what wins."

Unfortunately, the team came up against two very strong opponents at the sectional meet, Valparaiso and

Merrillville. Only the two top teams advanced to regionals. Merrillville won with a record high score of 111.35, and Valparaiso placed second.

The balance beam seemed to plague the team at times throughout the season. Suffering three falls in the first rotation, they were already eliminated as a team. Three members then would advance to regionals, senior Katie Shurman, freshman Rebekah Bradjki and Julie.

At regionals, all three advanced to state competition. Julie finished third in the all-around and Katie sixth, while Rebekah advanced to state with her second place 9.5 finish on the floor exercise. Ironically, they outscored the 2 other teams participating, Wawasee and Elkhart Memorial, counting just 3 girls' scores, not four.

At state, Julie finished third in the all-around, and Katie 11th. While Rebekah placed second on the floor exercise with a score of 9.25.



At the beginning of her floor exercise, sophomore Tonia Highlands poses, awaiting the start of her music. Tonia received a 7.9 at the Chesterton meet for this routine. The JV team was undefeated again this season for the second year in a row.

Concentrating on her next move, senior Katie Shurman advances to the upper bar, at the Chesterton dual meet, for which she received an 8.85. She finished 11th in the all-around at state, finishing 13th on bars (8.4) and vault (9.25), 9th on beam (8.95) and 10th on floor (8.95).

With a look of concentration sophomore Tim Fizer plays at the JV game against Chesterton on May 6 on the home field.

Soccer

14-2-1

PHS

OPP

2	S.B. St. Joe	2
6	E.C. Central	1
6	Wheeler	0
6	Griffith	1
1	Andean	0
5	Munster	0
4	Hammond High	2
9	Lew Wallace	0
4	Chesterton	0
5	Valparaiso	1
8	Merrillville	2
7	Crown Point	2
LPSC	Toumney	1st
Northern Cup	Toumney	2nd

JV record:



JV Soccer—Front Row: Mike Paragon, Erich Squire, Sean Lynstrom, Toni Galati, Bobby Brockway. **Row 2:** Jesse Mendez, Brian McCulloch, Dan Cardenas, Tim Fizer, Dean Yoder, Joey Timmons. **Back Row:** Coach Bob Laurie, Mike Laurin, Billy Dalton, Brian Murphy, Romane Ayala, John Vuko, Scott Garzella. (Crosslin photo)



Varsity Soccer—Front Row: Steve Batulak, Scott Vuko, Jose Olevenia, Dan Uzelac, A.J. Monroe, Jote Tofftaker, John Rhame. **Row 2:** Mike Hulka, Luis Olivencia, Joe Guerre, Tony Cardenas, Rich Miotke, Micah Pokorney, Walter Sandomal. **Back Row:** Coach Jim Greene, Chris Spear, Donovan Degaetano, Chad Kestner, Jason Lay, Mike Malaski. (Crosslin photo)

Soccer

No chance to prove team's worth

by Sheri Conrick

Sports must be sanctioned in Indiana to be considered for state competition. Soccer is a sport that students work just as hard as any other, but do not receive the opportunity to compete at the state level. The only tournament that the team has in the way of post season play is the Northern Cup Tourney, which Portage has won three of the last five years.

Sophomore Tony Cardenas said, "We don't get to play all the teams in the state so sometimes the competition level is not as high as it could be."

Senior Micah Pokorney had mixed emotions on the situation. "We do not get noticed by college scouts as easy as we would if it was sanctioned, but if we were sanctioned we would not be able to

have two people on the same team in our league in the off-season."

Having no state competition means not being able to claim a true state champion. There is a large amount of controversy over who is the best soccer team in the region or state.

"There is no real effect on our season, but to find a state champion would be nice since everyone seems to think that they are better than Portage," A.J. Monroe, senior, said.

"I feel that it's bad that we are

not sanctioned because we can't show the other teams that we are the best in the state," junior Ramon Ayala said.

Even though it is not sanctioned, soccer still has tough practices, according to players.

"At a typical practice we run, run, run, run, run and run," Tony said.

"We do Europeans, an excruciating warm up drill, 5V.2's, a passing keep away drill. Then we just do drills to help us with our weak points in the game days be-

fore," Micah said.

Besides practices many members of the team also make special preparations on the day of a game.

"I mostly try to relax and to not think about the game because I get too nervous. I also try to eat as much as possible so my stomach will be full during the game," Micah said.

"I try to eat well before a game, wear my uniform, and try to take it easy," sophomore Erich Squire said.

Other members have a different view.

"I have no superstitions. This is Portage soccer and we do not need any. We just go on to the field and carry on the Portage tradition which has been around for many years," A.J. said.

"We don't have any superstitions...we don't need any. We just go onto the field and carry on the tradition which has been around for many years," said A.J. Monroe, senior, said.



Using your head is an important part of soccer. Junior Chad Kestner accomplishes this maneuver at the Chesterton meet. The team won the game, 4-0.

Running is a major part of a soccer players practices and games. The JV team did a lot of running at their practices, according to members.

Softball

Team has great follow-up season

by David Jennings

After a strong season the previous year, the girl's softball team had a hard act to follow. Although most of the hitters were gone from last year's team that finished with a school-best 17-4 record, the pitching of Kassey Reynolds helped to carry the team to another victorious season, while the young hitters came around.

"I thought the season would turn out great. I know we lost a lot of good players last year, but this year we were about as good," senior Ramee King said. "I was very confident with the team. We all worked together to get the things done that we needed to accomplish."

"We had a lot of freshman ball players, but they always worked hard and had a lot of team spirit,"

sophomore Tracy Barnard said. "I was confident that we would have a good season."

Not unlike any of the other school teams, the girls' also set many goals throughout the season for themselves as well as the team.

"We wanted to win the Duneland Conference this year, along with sectionals," Ramee said. "My goals were to go as far as we could, considering this is my last year on the school team."

"The big team goal was no matter win or lose, to do the things we had been taught right," Tracy

said. "My goal was to relax and to do my best."

One aspect that kept this team on the field was all the pre-game preparation that was involved.

"Before the game the whole team would concentrate on the other team," Ramee said. "We would warm up and then have a pep talk from Mr. Mattix, who always gave us more confidence in ourselves."

"The most important preparation before the game was our pre-game warm-up," Tracy said. "You could always tell how good or bad we would play by it."

Another aspect was team unity and team spirit. "Our team unity was great, the best it ever had been," Ramee said. "The better we got along, the better we played as a team. The team spirit was high. If someone made an error, the team would try to pick them back up. Plus, none of us hung our heads, we all stuck together."

"Last year the JV and Varsity had a hard time being one big team," Tracy said. "This year, we had more enthusiasm and had posters in the lockerroom to help everybody be more motivated and united as a team."

"I love the sport!" Ramee said. "Ever since I was little I have been playing in the minor and majors. I was on the varsity team all four years of high school. I learned a lot from Mr. Mattix."

"This year we had more enthusiasm and posters in the locker room to help everybody be more united as a team," sophomore Tracy Barnard said.



Attempting to make a play at third base during the second Valparaiso game, junior Jodi Wahlman quickly responds to catch the ball. The team avenged a 2-0 loss earlier in the season by defeating Valpo, 6-0.

Swinging away at the ball, junior first baseman Kirsten Sederberg follows through. Kirsten went 2 for 2 with four RBI's during the LaPorte game and had two hits in the Chesterton game.





During the second Valparaiso varsity game, No. 15 junior Kassey Reynolds whips the pitch home. Kassey pitched her third shutout of the season to help upset at the time 4th ranked Valpo, 6-0, striking out five and allowing just three hits. She had two consecutive no-hitters at the beginning of the season. The first victim was Morton, the second LaPorte, 14-1, striking out ten and walking only two in a five-inning game that was called due to the 10-run-rule.

Softball

17-5

PHS		OPP
6	Lowell	4
1	Andrean	5
4	Morton	3
14	LaPorte	1
4	Hammond Gavit	0
0	Valparaiso	2
11	M.C. Rogers	1
4	M.C. Elston	0
6	Chesterton	5
11	Munster	5
9	Merrillville	5
4	Hobart	5
9	Marquette	8
6	Valparaiso	0
7	M.C. Rogers	3
5	LaPorte	4
3	Chesterton	0
7	Merrillville	6
1	Highland	13
3	Hobart	2
9	Crown Point	8

Sectionals

1	Valparaiso	4
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JV record: 13-3



JV Softball—Front row: Tracy Barnard, Kelly Snitchler, Becky Ray, Audrey Moreland, Jennifer Livengood, Cheryl Fain, Carrie Modesto, Rosie Jovanovic. **Back row:** Jennifer Pullen, Sherry Yager, Beth Cantrell, Robin Clem, Jennifer Cox, Danielle Robertson, Lesa Strausbaugh, Debbie Haskell, Jennifer Bates. (Rusnack Photo)



Varsity Softball—Front row: Tracy Valetich, Lori Norman, Kim Shvester, Jodi Wahlman, Glenda Cox, Shannon McAllister, Michelle McKinney, Debbie Gapsinska. **Back row:** Karen Creech, Paula McWhirter, Jennifer Smith, Kirsten Sederberg, Kassey Reynolds, Carri Collins, Ramee King, Deanna Taylor. (Rusnack Photo)

Boys' Swimming

Boys' season ends on good wave

by Louis Bain and David Jennings

"Hard work always pays off" was the boys' swim team logo last season. As the season progressed it proved to be true.

The team members all seemed to have mostly different views of the season, some good, some not so good.

"We did as good as could be expected for a losing season; every team we lost to was ranked (in the state)," senior Les Doepping said.

"The season seemed to go well with a few exceptions," senior Jim Waechter said.

"On a whole it went bad, but it had it's good points too," sophomore Scott Tilford said.

"It went quite well with the people who stayed on the team. At the beginning of the season we lost some valuable individuals, but we stuck it out with what we had," senior Jim Rusnak said.

Team spirit is a major part of swimming as well as any other sport.

"Swimming seems to have a great deal of team spirit. It takes

that to be willing to lose your voice at every meet and get some freak out haircuts for sectionals," Jim Waechter said.

"Team spirit was down until we found out we were ranked, for a little while it lifted some," Les said.

"It was good by the end of the year. We seemed to come together as a team toward the end of the season," coach Ralph Mundt said.

"Team spirit fluctuated," Jim Rusnak said. "Some meets we

were ready to attack the world, and other meets we were sometimes less enthusiastic."

Some of the goals of the team were to be a competitive Duneland Conference team, be in the top four at sectionals and to build team unity amongst a young team. Personal goals were to beat their own times every time they swam.

"Coach sets the same goals every year," Jim said. "They included improving our times and qualifying for sectionals and state. The most important goal was to make the swim team the best group of athletes. By and large, I think we accomplished that."

"When we were fired up we were unstoppable," senior Jim Rusnak said.



About to leave the starting block during a relay swim, junior John Zack concentrates on the incoming swimmer so he doesn't false start.



Preparing for a backstroke swim, junior Brad Cain adjusts the strings on his Speedos. Brad, who was named most valuable swimmer at the winter sports banquet, finished first at sectionals in the 500 freestyle.



Boys' Swimming

6-7

PHS		OPP
115	Gary Wirt	65
60	LaPorte	120
84	Valparaiso	102
77	Merrillville	109
70	Munster	105
101	Highland	84
98	Hobart	88
112	M.C. Rogers	80
127	Hammond Gavit	59
123	Lowell	60
105	Chesterton	81
124	Rensselaer Central	59
65	Crown Point	115
Munster Relays		5th
Conference		5th
Sectional		4th
JV record: 10-3		

Giving freshman swimmer Joel Lach a talk after his race, Coach Rich Lowe gives him some advice and instruction on his performance.



Boys' Swimming—Front row: Sean Whelan, Jim Meyer, Joe Posovac, Sean Goetz, Jeff Yates, Toni Gelati, Louis Bain. **Row 2:** Joe White, Jim Rusnak, Brian George, Dave Wachter, Jim McMurry, Eric Yates, Joel Lach, Gus Crews. **Row 3:** Scott Tifford, Jim Wachter, Les Doerpping, Sean Boyd, Mike Wilder, Miles Krizmanic, Jamie Serwatka, Ryan Booth. **Back row:** Manager Teresa Fee, Tom Little, Dave Schaeffer, Brad Cain, John Zack, Rick Fee, Eric Stodard, Manager Michelle McConnell.

Girls' Swimming

Goals lead to a successful season

by David Jennings

Meeting goals was a major part of the girls' swim team this season. It took a lot of hard work and determination to meet those goals, and definitely long practices.

"The work is very hard and you have to be mentally tough," junior Melanie Thompson said.

The team had several high goals set for the season.

"One goal we had as a team, was to place third at sectionals," senior Jeannie St. Myers said.

They met this goal as they had hoped, finishing third. The top six finishers for the team were seniors Peggy Johnson and Stacy Manering; sophomores Heather

Hagan and Gerrie Fowle; and freshman Debbie Warren, all of which, plus junior Michelle McConnell, traveled to the state meet the following weekend.

Other goals were set individually by several of the players.

"My goal was to swim under a 1:15:00 in the 100 breast stroke," junior Melanie Thompson said.

"I wanted to break the 50 freestyle record, but unfortunately

I'm a little over a second too slow," junior Tammy Daghy said. Participating in the Munster

"We had problems at first, but near the end, we pulled together and accomplished our goals," senior Jeannie St. Myers said.

Classic, the girls' teamed up with other Duneland Conference swimmers and together they defeated the Lake Suburban Conference team. Several swimmers helped them win with strong finishes.

Winning two events was Peggy in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Also

winning was the 200 free relay team of Tammy, freshman Mike Daege, Michelle, and junior Lisa Sutton.

Team spirit, always a big part of a team, was shown well this season.

"We had a lot of team spirit," Tammy said. "We did cheers and cheered everyone on in their events, and when we screwed up, someone was always there to calm you down so you could do better later."

"Swimming is a great sport and I encourage anyone to give it a try," Jeannie added.



Taking a breath during a freestyle swim, junior Melanie Peda warms up before a meet. Melanie's main events were the 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley.

During a practice, junior Toby Perez prepares to perform her forward one and a half somersault in the pike position.





Girls' Swimming

8-3

PHS		OPP
67	Chesterton	119
115	Hobart	70
132	Lowell	49
121	LaPorte	64
100	Highland	86
121	Noll	64
84	Valparaiso	101
137	Hammond High	46
88	Rogers	29
90	Crown Point	96
130	Rensselaer Central	56
Valpo Relays		3rd
Munster Classic		1st
Conference		3rd
Sectionals		3rd
State		21st



Warming up before a meet, sophomore Gernie Fowble practices her forward pike in the straight position. Gernie was named the most improved sophomore team member for the season.

Girls' swimming--Front row: Cheryl Fain, Kelly Cool, Heather Hagan, Melanie Peda, Jeannie St. Myers, Mikell Daege, Tammy Daghy. Row 2: Toby Perez, Christy Haines, Julie Erdei, Melissa Hitzley, Lisa Sutton, Debbie Warren, Jessica Rogers, Teresa Fee. Back row: Coach Mike Lipinski, Gernie Fowble, Christine Byers, Melanie Thompson, Sherr Dolaninski, Michelle McConnell, Angie McLean, Peggy Johnson, Stacy Manering, Melissa Miller, Manager Brad Cain.

Boys' Tennis

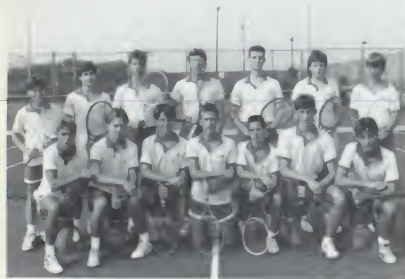
11-4

PHS		OPP
4	Elston	1
4	Highland	1
3	Laf. Jefferson	2
0	West Lafayette	5
5	M.C. Rogers	0
5	Crown Point	0
5	E.C. Central	0
3	Chesterton	2
2	Valparaiso	3
5	Noll	0
3	Merrillville	2
5	Hobart	0
2	LaPorte	3
1	S.B. St. Joe	4
Sectionals		
4	M.C. Rogers	1
2	LaPorte	3
Highland Invite		3rd

JV Record 13-1



Eying the ball, senior A.J. Monroe gets ready for a smashing return.



Varsity Tennis—**Front row:** Micah Pokorney, A.J. Monroe, Brian Murphy, Walter Sandoval, Rich Miotke, Chad Kestner, Mike Malaski. **Back row:** Matt Imes, Mike Hendrix, Scott Vuko, Derek Herrold, Robert Enoch, Curt Hamilton, John Smith.



JV Tennis—**Front row:** Mike Moraitis, Matt Imes, John Smith, Derek Herrold, James Kirk, Joe Guerre. **Back row:** Erich Squire, Bill Hrdina, Miles Krizmanic, Ed Walter, Viselev Djordjevic, Dave Robertson, Robert Will, Jason Reber.

Boys' Tennis

Spirit, hard work pay off for team

by Jenny Westerkamp
and Dave Jennings

Thwunk! Another ace for the state's tennis team. This was a familiar sight for the supporters of the team.

Freshman John Smith said the tennis season was the most exciting couple of months of school for him. "It (the season) was very successful for everyone."

The team, coached by Mr. Rich Mason, moved into sectionals but only the doubles team of senior Mike Malaski and junior Chad Kestner moved to regional competition. At regionals, they defeated two previously undefeated schools. They were the first doubles team from Northwest Indiana to advance to the state finals. They lost in the first match to North Central.

Junior Matt Ims said the team had good team spirit this year especially during the Merrillville match, a tough one.

"Team spirit was pretty high," Chad said. "We cheered each other on a lot."

Some of the tennis players had a great moment that remained in their memory.

Junior Brian Murphy said the greatest moment was "in the locker room when we found out that LaPorte beat Valpo and we could possibly still win the DAC title."

Both Matt and junior Walter

Sandoval remembered the "upset" win over Merrillville.

"Probably the first varsity win against East Chicago," was John's moment.

"Team spirit was high, we stayed together and the motivation was there through the rough times," freshman John Smith said.

The weather often played a big factor in the matches. Adverse conditions such as wind and rain could ruin a player's chances.

"Yes, it (the weather) hurt us some. Last conference match vs. LaPorte, everyone was really up

for the match and it rained," said John. "Then we lost the next day to South Bend St. Joe. It was really hard to come back to beat LaPorte

when it was rescheduled."

Walter said knowing he can play as good in the first set as in the last set because he's in good shape made the season worthwhile.

Although the team didn't win sectionals, most of the players were happy with the season's outcome.

"I was pleased with the outcome of the season," said John. "Although, I felt we could've won sectionals."

Also added by Matt was, "We should've done better in sectionals and we should've beaten LaPorte."

Walter described the season as, "The year that should've been."

"Spirit was shown through the use of a chant, 'Eins, zwei, drei, (one, two, three in German) blood, blood, blood,'" junior Bill Hrdina said.



Biting his lower lip, freshman John Smith concentrates on his forehand shot. John played most of the season on varsity.

Brian Murphy, junior, helped the varsity team improve their record to 8 and 1 by winning his match vs. Noll. (Evans photo)

Girls' Tennis

Team carries on tradition of excellence

by David Jennings

It's a beautiful day, the sun is shining and you're ready, physically and mentally, to play a great match of tennis. When suddenly, two minutes before the last bell of the day, out the window you see a drop of rain, then another, until finally it's a down pour. Next you hear Mr. Rhodes over the afternoon announcements, "Cancelled for tonight, track, softball, golf, baseball, soccer and tennis." This was a usual event for many of the participants in spring sports. Unpredictable weather!

"I felt very discouraged, but there is nothing a person can do about bad weather," sophomore Jennifer May said.

"Of course you feel upset," junior Tammy Daghy said. "Especially if you were really psyched."

"I was always really anxious to play by last hour," junior Adrienne

Samardzija said. "It was a big let down when matches were cancelled."

The weather wasn't so ideal when their team pictures were taken either. Wind played a major role in whether a match was cancelled or not or how well the team played.

"The weather had a big affect on our team," Adrienne said. "Practice time was cut a lot because sometimes it was raining, it was too cold, or just too windy. The Valpo match was postponed because the wind was up to 30 miles per hour."

"During the South Bend St. Joe match we wore mittens and sweats over our uniforms. It was so cold that my hands got numb," Tammy said.

The team had differing views on

whether they felt tennis was an individual sport or a whole team effort.

"It's more of an individual sport in my opinion because you have a game to win," Tammy said. "The total wins are added up at the end, but the better the individual does, the better for the team."

"I feel that tennis is more of a team effort because we all must work together to win the match and give each other support and encouragement so that every team

member always has a positive attitude," Jennifer said.

The tradition of good tennis has been around for years and most of the girls' on the team would like to think they kept up with this tradition.

"I think it has a lot to do with Mr.

Mason," Tammy said. "He focuses on the techniques of the game and not if you win or lose."

"The girls' and guys' teams share their strengths with each other," Angie said. "They helped us by hitting around with us on the court and also by encouraging us and giving us support."

"I think everyone on the team knows that it takes more than regular practice to excel," Adrienne said. "You have to practice in the off season, take private lessons and play in the summer. You must be dedicated and hardworking."

"One of the things that really sticks out in my mind is when we beat Munster," Angie said. "Portage had never before beaten them and it was great to be the first ones. We went to Pepe's afterwards to celebrate and we stayed the longest time."



After hitting the ball in a doubles match, senior Beth Brechner follows through. Beth teamed up with senior Karen Flach in the No. 1 varsity doubles spot several times during the season, winning the No. 1 doubles title at the Portage tourney.



Quickly making a backhand shot, senior Michelle Roque returns the tennis ball to her awaiting opponent. Michelle played in the No. 1 varsity singles spot during most of the season.



Ready to attack the tennis ball during the LaPorte match, junior Adrienne Samardzija prepares for a forehand shot. Adrienne helped the team avenge an earlier 5-0 loss to LaPorte in the sectional semi-finals by winning her match in the No. 1 singles spot. She was the lone winner in the championship match vs. Valparaiso, and later went on to regionals, where she lost to the eventual singles sectional champion.

Girls' Tennis

13-4

PHS		OPP
4	Highland	1
4	Andreon	1
3	S.B. St. Joe	2
5	Lake Central	0
3	Munster	2
5	Boone Grove	0
5	E.C. Central	0
5	Morton	0
5	M.C. Rogers	0
0	LaPorte	5
1	Valparaiso	4
2	Crown Point	3
5	Chesterton	0
5	Hobart	0
3	Merrillville	2
Portage Tourney		1st
S.B. St. Joe Tourney		2nd
Sectionals		
4	M.C. Marquette	1
3	LaPorte	2
1	Valparaiso	4

JV record: 11-3



Girls' JV Tennis—Front row: Dana Wellman, Jennifer May, Erica Smith, Amy Gregorash, Pam Motie, Vicky Fisher, Heather Baugh. **Row 2:** Debbie Warren, Tammy Dagby, Rosemary Jelfimenko, Deanne Vallow, Amy Stanley, Cristi Tenutliger, Sandy Allemen. **Back row:** Laura Dunlop, Lisa Manna, Shital Sheth, Dani Nobles, Lana McCorkle, Stacy Adler. (Rusnack Photo)

Girls' Varsity Tennis—Front row: Kristine Rea, Adrienne Samardzija, Ljubica Djordjevic. **Row 2:** Angie Foster, Michelle Roque, Karen Flach, Beth Brechner, Kelly Jaranash. (Rusnack Photo)

Boys' and Girls' Track

Runners have contrasting seasons

by David Jennings and JoLynn Rambo

Before the season begins, many athletes begin to form individual as well as group oriented goals. Both the boys' and girls' track teams did so throughout the year in order to create a better atmosphere for the members.

These particular expectations can only be reached through hard work, dedication and the willingness to cooperate with others.

Sophomore Rachel Mahns, a member of the girls' track team, believes that the team members must possess determination and the willingness to give up their free time to practice.

The girls' track team practiced from five to six days a week for approximately an hour and a half

each practice. Some of the training included distance runs for endurance, track work for speed, short distances for recovery and other specialized training.

Sophomore track member Jim Tinnel, who has been running varsity since his freshman year, said, "I joined track because I like to run and it looked like fun, but I also like it because of the competition."

Aside from competing with athletes from other schools, teammates can also provide a healthy source of competition. Senior track members Bill Auksel and Jeff Thomas, both high jumpers, use each

other to their advantage.

"Bill pushes me to be the best jumper that I can possibly be," senior Jeff Thomas said.

Minor illnesses and injuries affected both teams, but this was not the biggest problem on the girls

track team, constant bickering among the teammates was more of a concern. Although the girls' tended to argue, senior leadership was still prevalent.

According to several underclassmen, the seniors showed them that people can come back from adverse situations and accomplish goals.

"Our team really tried hard to

be spirited considering the number of defeats we had. Our efforts showed through as each member of the team tried extremely hard to contribute to the team both physically and mentally," junior Eric McCorkle said.

Despite the difficult times there were also many memorable moments.

Mahns added, "The most memorable time of the season was when the team pulled together to defeat Lafayette Jefferson at the Roosevelt triangular meet. The team aspect really showed here as each individual put forth her best effort."

About to land on the track after jumping a hurdle in a 100-meter low hurdles race, junior Tammy Modesto easily clears the hurdle.

"Our team really tried hard to be spirited..." junior Eric McCorkle said.



Half way over, senior Bill Auksel bends his body as he glides over the bar. Bill won first place at sectionals, regionals and the Duneland Athletic Conference meet in the high jump, with heights of 6-6, 6-7 and 6-7.

During the Duneland Athletic Conference meet, senior Jason Casiano leads the pack in the race. He won several state titles during his high school career in track, as well as cross country. He also set a national best for the mile during the DAC conference meet with a time of 4:11.3. To finish off his high school running career, Jason captured his third consecutive state title in the 3200 (9:05:16).





Boys' Track

6-1

PHS		OPP
58.5	Hammond Noll	47.5
92	M.C. Rogers	34
77	Crown Point	50
87	Hobart	40
90	Chesterton	37
84	Merrillville	43
57	Valparaiso	70
86	LaPorte	41
Andean Relays		3rd
Chesterton Relays		2nd
Conference		2nd
Sectionals		2nd

Girls' Track

2-7

PHS		OPP
36	M.C. Rogers	81
49	Crown Point	81
41	Hobart	77
44	Chesterton	74
71	Merrillville	47
22.5	Valparaiso	95.5
45	Gary Roosevelt	61
45	Lafayette Jeff.	43
45	LaPorte	73
Lake Central		5th
Conference		7th
Sectionals		11th



Boys' Track—Front row: Eric Ramos, Brian Reed, William Price, John Zack, Dave Serrano, Dave Waechter, Eric Nance, Dustin Simmon, Jeff Thomas, Dave Castellanos. **Row 2:** Byron Chandler, Shane Bolde, Dave Lapine, Sean Padlo, Tony Turner, Ken Cruz, John Arredondo, Danny Allen, Jason Castano, Ryan Babjak. **Row 3:** Chad Szabo, Chad Beatty, Chris Melvin, Tuan Nguyen, Sean Baugh, Chris Chalich, Greg Henderson, Chris Lynch, Jason Stepanovich. **Row 4:** Jeff Bonez, Jay Bridges, Eric McCorkle, Steve Pollard, Ron Warren, Larry Baker, Adam Davis, Juan Cardona, Eric Scheier, Brian Flannigan. **Back row:** Mike Torres, Thad Hadley, Jim Tinnel, Brian Smallinku, Jeff Medley, Chris Jones, Bill Aukset, Dee Cook, Joe O'hara, Tim Mattix, Todd Waugaman. (Miller photo)



Girls' Track—Front row: Stacey Ailes, Christie Estes, Yolanda Perez, Celena Origel, Sandy Kegebein, Kim Bono. **Row 2:** Trisha Springer, Leslie Crockett, Tammy Modesto, Marissa Jones, Kim Bradford. **Row 3:** Jennifer Fisher, Julie Knapp, Gretchen Westerkamp, Heather Smith, Mania Krenke. **Row 4:** Assistant Coach Michelle Shilley, Melissa Stits, Tracie Splitgerber, Kelly Frazo, Lora Phlegely, Carrie Stout. **Back row:** Coach Dale Fadely, Niki Smotko, Rachel Mahns, Suzie Bumbles, Stephanie Ailes.

Varsity Volleyball

6-19

PHS

OPP

0	Crown Point	2
2	Washington Twp.	0
0	Wheeler	2
0	M. C. Elston	2
2	Highland	0
2	Chesterton	0
1	M. C. Elston	2
0	LaPorte	2
2	Lake Station	1
0	Chesterton	2
0	Hammond Clark	2
0	Lake Central	2
1	Hammond Morton	2
0	Merrillville	2
1	Highland	2
0	Kankakee Valley	2
0	Lowell	2
2	Lake Station	1
1	Chesterton	2
0	M. C. Rogers	2
0	Valparaiso	2
0	Hammond Noll	2
1	Hobart	2
2	Hammond Gavit	0

Sectionals

1	Chesterton	2
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JV record:15-11

Freshman record:8-7

Attempting a block, sophomores Amy Mattix and Carrie Lilly keep their eyes on the ball.

Going around the blocker with her spike Debra Fessler, junior, gets one past her opponent at the game against Elston.



Varsity Volleyball—Front row: Janet Hall, Jerry Walker, Melissa Devinney, Leanne Shukitt, Manager Tracy Valetich Row 2: Manager David Jennings, Kelly Jannasch, Mandy McKeown, Joe Wahlman, Manager Carla R. Teso Back row: Coach Cheryl Girman, Debra Fessler, Tami Tharp, Kim Crosslin, Kim Shuster, Manager Jennifer York

Volleyball

Injury, illness affects team play, spirit

by Sheri Conrick

It brings fear into the hearts of athletes across the land.

Volleyball team members work hard to prepare for the unexpected, but there are two things that they can't prepare for.

They go to summer camps, work hard, run at least two miles a day, run bleachers, lift weights, and give up the lazy days of summer just to make sure that they are in top physical shape, but there are two things that can still hurt them.

Injuries and illness - they are both unexpected and can strike at any time. Three players were especially affected by these: Tami Tharp, Janet Hall and Kelly Jannasch.

Tami fell during the game against Hammond Morton, and

dislocated her knee. She was seriously injured, and was still walking on crutches in December. Kelly was in the hospital with mono, and Janet had a severe throat infection.

"Injuries hurt us a lot especially when Tami, who was

"The season was like a mountain range. We had our peaks and we had our valleys," senior Jeny Walker said.

one of our star players, went down along with Janet and Kelly, who was out for the end of the season and sectionals. The change in line up was hard. We had to learn to play with new players that we weren't used to," Melissa Devinney, senior, said.

"About the middle of the season we lost two of our senior

leaders. Losing Tami in the blocking position really hurt, but the defense worked hard to compensate. Losing Janet was also hard because she had been playing on Varsity for three years. She knew what to do, but Leanne (Shukitis) learned

very quickly and filled her role appropriately," Jeny Walker, senior, said.

With these negative aspects Varsity members had mixed feelings about the season.

One of the peaks was the Volleyball-a-thon. This was where the team played continuous games to raise money

to earn money for uniforms and other necessary items, on a Saturday morning.

"The funniest moment was during the Volleyball-a-thon. Everyone was just being crazy," Jeny said.

Goals are always important to the volleyball team. This year was no exception.

"The teams' goals were to win sectionals, to come in first or second at conference, and to have a 500 (equal wins and losses) at conference. My personal goal was to be able to be an all around player, and to play both front and back," Tami said.

"My goal was to become a consistent server. I think a major team goal was for everyone to have a good attitude," freshman Cristi Conrick said.



JV Volleyball—Front row: Shannon McAllister, Courtney Perkins, Carrie Lilly, Rosie Jovanovic, Row 2: Deanna Taylor, Amy Mattix, Trace Splitgerber, Melissa Sitts, Michelle McKinney. Back row: Lora Phegley, Brandy Woolsey, Tammie Cosich, Manager Carla Teso, Coach Jodi Keyak.



Freshman Volleyball—Front row: Jan Klakowski, Tracy Sozch, Kristi Terwilliger, Monica Overturi, Virginia Pedone. Row 2: Katherine Ring, Cristi Conrick, Gina Gesmond, Lisa Manna, Danielle Robertson. Back row: Coach Phyllis McVicker, Susan Dekkers, Jennifer Cox, Vanessa Murrow, Manager Erin Trahten, Manager Tina Wittrop. (Miller photo)

Junior Mark Joseph pinned Chesterton wrestler Mark Moldenhaven at an away meet. Mark Beuler was the referee who determined the outcome of all the matches at the Chesterton-Portage meet. (Photo courtesy of The Portage Journal Press)

Wrestling

4-2

PHS	OPP
24 Hobart	37
29 Merrillville	28
33 Valparaiso	21
39 LaPorte	20
18 Chesterton	27
57 M.C.Rogers	11
Harvest Classic	3rd
Crown Point	1st
Mishawaka	5th
Chesterton	1st
Duneland	3rd
Culver	1st
Sectionals	1st
Regionals	2nd
Semi-State	14th



Wrestling-Front Row:David Roman, Tim Hall, Danny Allen, Jeremy Rivas, Bob Russel, Chris Nedoff, Mark Joseph, Shannon Goins, Carlos Colon, Jason Alaniz, Brandon McKinney. **Row 2:** Jason Trinks, Joe Coons, Ken Mars, Mike Hultka, Donovan DeGoersano, Mike Alaniz, George Mamounas, Ben Rogers, Joe Warren, Danny Sullivan. **Row 3:** Eric Rajska, Tony Hammerstein, Andy Baker, Joe Romero, Byron Chandler, Steve Munoz, Brian Smolniczy, Dan Bonta, Mike Keith, Coach Larry Tharp. **Back Row:** Mike Mamounas, Ryan Ashby, Paul Palichuk, Jason Kennedy, Jason Oldham, Coach Bruce Sherrif (Photo courtesy of Steve Duncan)



Matmaids--Teena Veden, Karen Alaniz, Jeannie Peele (Rusnak photo)

Wrestling

Matmen work together for state

by Wendie Cadle

According to senior Donovan DeGaetano it takes all 13 wrestlers to win a meet.

"We don't depend on just a few people to win, we depend on everybody to do their best," freshman Jason Alaniz said.

This team technique, hard work, dedication and good listening skills help make good wrestlers Coach Bruce Sherriff said. It takes good wrestlers to qualify for state, the team showed success sending two wrestlers to the state tournament, Donovan and senior George Mamounas.

George said that he achieved his goal of making it to the state tournament by working hard at practice and being hungry for the

state meet. Donovan said that he achieved his goal by working harder this year than ever before.

"I had to wrestle my best in every match in order to go to state; my toughest matches were sectionals, where I had to wrestle my best to go on," Donovan said.

Coach Sherriff commented that although only two wrestlers made it to state this year, this is one of the team's best years and achievements.

According to Shannon Goins

the team came together well and produced a strong season. He said that the team was successful because they won so many tough

tournaments.

Jason Alaniz agreed that the team did well together.

"When we needed an important win we came through."

Team and family support also helped the team become successful.

The matmaids, sophomore Teena Veden, seniors Jeannie Peele and Karen Alaniz, also did

their share of support for the team by baking them cookies and brownies and by sending balloons to their classes the day of their meets.

The matmaids were in charge of keeping scores and team stats Ben Rodgers said "They kept good track of all the stats and helped us with our fundraiser."

Ben commented that the matmaids did a lot of things that they didn't have to do for the team, like bake brownies. He said that this helped the team because some wrestlers had to maintain the same weight and others had to gain weight in order to move up to the weight class that they desired.

"I had to wrestle my best in every match in order to go to state; my toughest matches were sectionals. " said Donovan De Gaetano, senior.



While struggling to get another pin, sophomore Jeremy Rivas gets his adrenaline pumped up against Chesterton's Steve Jarr. Jeremy's season record was 29-5 and he made it to semi-state. (Photo courtesy of The Portage Journal Press)

Strength is what it takes to get a successful match as senior Mike Alaniz proved to M.C. Elston. Mike's season record was 27-7 and he made it to semi-state. (Photo courtesy of The Portage Journal Press)

Highway 6

says:

"I think the large size of PHS helps to prepare us for college and helps us to participate more in activities," Heather Smith, junior, said.

Junior Phil Zielinski was one of the many drug free students of PHS that signed the drug free billboard.



Portage People Take Pride in World and Community

by Kristine Rea

True to tradition, PHS students spent much of their year trying to improve not only the school atmosphere, but the community and world environment too.

Operation Turkey took place yet another year, providing necessities to brighten the Thanksgiving celebrations of many of the PHS families.

Showing their environmental consciousness, the National Honor Society began a crusade against waste. Canisters for paper recycling were placed in many of the classrooms and were scattered throughout the hallways.

COIL also played an active part in

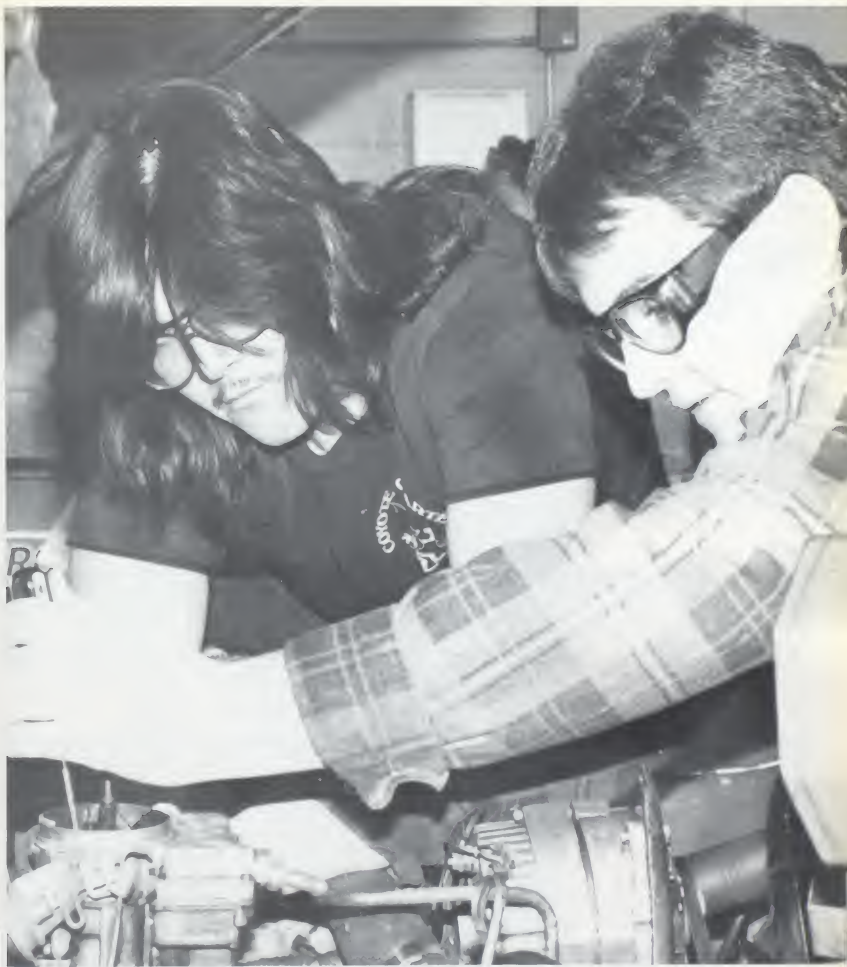
improving the economic situations in Portage. In an effort to expose the inner glow of PHS and to attract new businesses to the area, the second semester COIL class began the production of a public relations television program called Tee Pee Talk which utilizes student and faculty input.

Students also continued their battle to survive school by making it more fun. Many dances ranging from casual shorts or sweats to formal attire helped to spice up our lives.

During their Automechanics 1 class, senior Joel Krozier blocks open a carburetor while Nick Dillman, junior, disables the emissions system. (Miller photo)

Preparing their assignments for Mr. Alexander's third hour class, seniors Jason Odell, Todd Mueller and Eric Hiemstra diligently work.







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Teresa Achten.

Melinda Ahrens: Academic Decathlon 4; Brush and Palette 1; COIL 4; German Club 4 (Vice Pres.); Spanish Club 1; STOP Club 1.4; Teacher Asst. 3; Concert Choir 1; SADD 4; Speech and Debate 1.3.4; Theatricals 4; Solo & Ensemble 1; Track 1; Student Court 4.

Karen Alaniz: Basketball 1.2; Soccer Statistician 1.2.3.4; Mat Maid 2.3.

Michael Alaniz: Teacher Asst. 3.4; Baseball 1.2; Football 1.2.3.4 (Capt.); Class Rep. 2; Wrestling 1.2.3.4.

Margarita Aleksievskia: Honorary Member Student Council 4; German Club 4.

Ron Aleman.

Louis Ampeliotis.

Ann-Marie Andros: Teacher Asst. 1; Chamber Orchestra 1.2.3.4; Chorallers 2; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 2.3.4; String Ensemble 1.2.3.4; Symphonic Orchestra 2.3.4; Solo & Ensemble 1.2.3.4; Student Council Honorary Member 2.3.

Pamela Antle.

Lisa Appelhagen: German Club 2.3; Girls' State 3; Teacher Asst. 1.

John Armstrong.

Lee Ann Ashby: Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 2.3.4; Pep Club 1; **Pow Wow** 2.3.4 (Editor in Chief); SADD 3; Quill and Scroll 3.4; Junior Achievement 2 (Vice Pres.); 3.4 (Pres.); March of Dimes 3.4 (Team Capt.).

Sean Ashby: Football 1.2.3.4.

Bill Aukse: Academic Letter 3.4; Foreign Language Society 3.4; Latin Club 1.2.3.4; Track 1.2.3.4.

Cara Ellen Austin: STOP Club 4; Teacher Asst. 1.4; Science Club 1.2.3.

Nathan Autrey.

Caressa Ayres: Teacher Asst 2; Photo Club 3.4; Office Aid 4.

Shelly Bacon.

Brock Badgley.

Dennis Bailey: Football 1.2.3.

Kim Baker.

Karen Bane.

Rick Barajas: COIL 4; Intramurals 2.3.4; Spanish Club 1.2.3 (Vice Pres.); 4 (Pres.); Media Asst. 1.2.3.4.

Dennis Barnes: Intramurals 3.4; Spanish Club 3.4.

Edgar R. Batista: Spanish Club 1.2.3.4; Photo Club 4.

Laura Baugh.

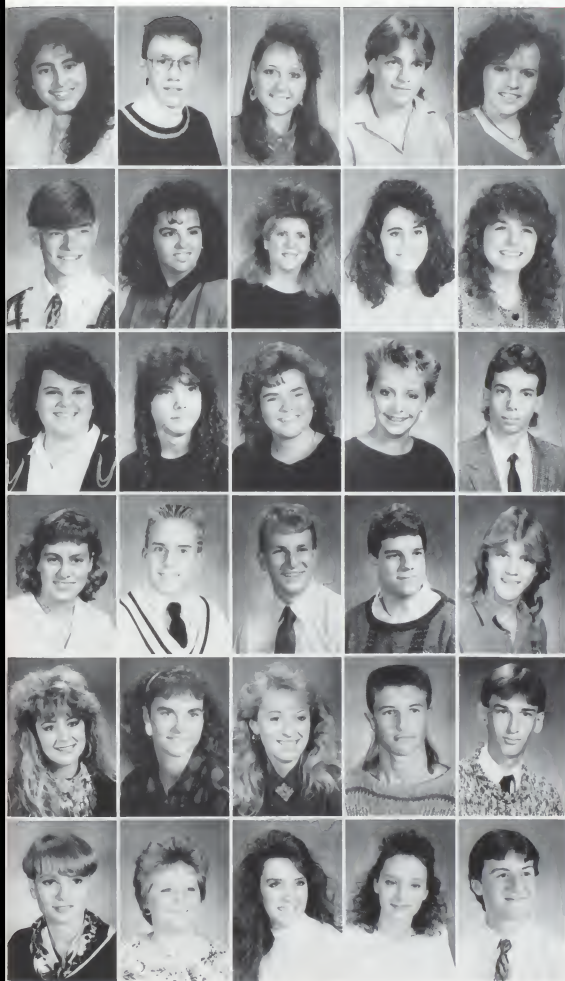
Shawn Baugh: JROTC Physical Fitness 3.4; Spanish Club 2; Track 2.3.4.

Chris Bayer: Chinese Club 3.4; Intramurals 2.3.4.

Heather Bazaldua.

Rebecca Beason.





Maggie Bedroya.
Wyatt Begeshe.
Christine Belcher.
Dave Bellar.
Brenda Bellar.

Michael Belt: Concert Band 3; Symphonic Band 4.
Melissa Berman: French Club 1,2(Sec.);3(Vice Pres.); Teacher Asst. 3,4; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4(Section Leader)
Jamie Berry: Intramurals 2; Spanish Club 1; Freshman Band 1; Pep Club 1,2; Basketball 1.
Jenny Bethel.
Joelynn Bigheart.

Kelly Blaszkiewicz: Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Pep Band 1.
Drake Blinco: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Concert Orchestra 2; Jazz Band 3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Pep Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.
Debra Bliss.
Shannon Bogucki.
Jeff Bonez: COIL 4; Cross Country 4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Jennifer Bonner: French Club 1,2,3; Intramurals 3,4; SADD 3,4(Vice Pres.); Speech and Debate 2; Track 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2.
Sean Boyd: Teacher Asst. 4; Golf 3; Swimming 4; Football 1,2; Wrestling 1,2.
Kevin Bozeman.
Chris Bradford: Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Chamber Orchestra 3,4; Legend 4; Concert Orchestra 2; Pit Orchestra 3,4; String Ensemble 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 3,4.
Rick Bradley.

Tanya Branshaw: Teacher Asst. 1,2; Math Club 2; Speech and Debate 4; Ski Club 2,3,4; Sage 3,4(Editor).
Beth Brechner: Academic Letter 3,4; COIL 4; FCA1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2.
Stephanie Lynn Brockway.
Mark Broda: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Class Rep. 1; Class VicePres. 2,3.
Guy Brown: COIL 4; Intramurals 4; Teacher Asst. 3.

Jenny Brown.
Kelly Brown: German Club 1,2; Indianettes 3; STOP Club 3; SADD 3; Swimming 2; Volleyball 2; Teacher Asst 3.
Nancy Elizabeth Brown: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3.
Vicky Brown: FCA 3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Basketball I; Cross Country 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.
Glen Brunker: Intramurals 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1.



Bryant - Cool

Amy Bryant.

Dennis Buhring: Intramurals 4.

Sue Bumbales.

Aaron Buschman: Football 1.

Teresa L. Byers-Agnew: Intramurals 2; Spanish Club 1; Concert Orchestra 1, 2; String Ensemble 3; Symphonic Orchestra 3; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3; Swimming 1; Volleyball Statistician 3.

Len Campbell.

Tammy Campbell.

Donna Capps.

Tony Cardenas.

Shannon Carns: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3 (Sec. 4) (Pres. Asst.); Teacher Asst. 4; Math Club 3 (Publicity Chair); 4 (Publicity Chair); National Honor Society 3, 4; Academic Super Bowl 3, 4.

Dana Carrillo: Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Teacher Asst. 3; Class Rep. 2, 3.

Geoglia Carter.

Marc Cerutti.

Nathaniel Chaddock: Academic Letter 3, 4; COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2, 3, 4; French Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Teacher Asst. 3, 4; Freshman Band 1; National Honor Society 3, 4; Concert Orchestra 1; Jazz Band 2, 4; Marching Indians 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pit Orchestra 2, 3, 4; String Ensemble 4; Symphonic Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Solo & Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Symphonic Band 2, 3, 4.

Mike Chasko.

Bryan Cheek.

Annessa Cichowicz.

Paul Cicolara: Math Club 2, 4.

Cassandra Clem.

Mark Click: Freshman Band 1; Football 1.

Tracy Clift.

Lynette Cookley: Teacher Asst. 2.

Randy Coffing.

Denise Cole.

Jamie Cole.

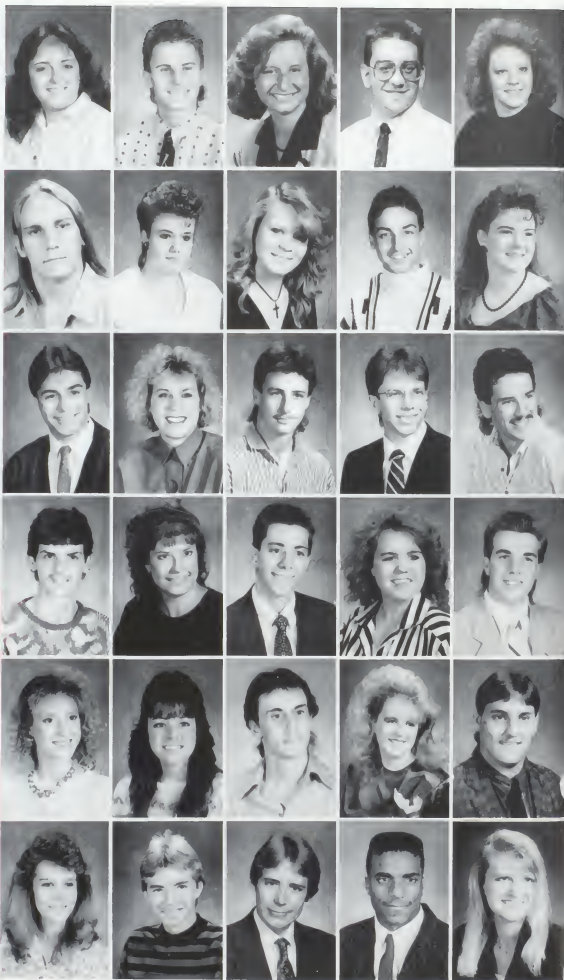
Nikki Collins: Freshman Chorus 1.

Steve Conger.

Mark Connors.

Dee Cook: French Club 1; Intramurals 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

Staci Cool: Latin Club 3, 4; Pow Wow 4.





Stacie Coomer: Teacher Asst. 4; Freshman Chorus 1.
Angel Coon: Academic Letter 3.4; Academic Decathlon 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2.3.4; French Club 1.2.3.4; Choraliers 2.3; National Honor Society 3.4; Speech 2.3.4; Orchestra Winds 2; Marching Indians 1; Symphonic Band 1.2; Solo & Ensemble 1.2.3.

Joe Coons: Academic Letter 3.4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2.3.4; Intramurals 1; Teacher Asst. 1; Latin Club 1.2.3.4; National Honor Society 3.4; Football 1; Wrestling 1.2.3.4.

Sean Casey: Intramurals 2.3.4; Concert Orchestra 1.2; Baseball 1.2; Baseball Statistician 3.

Cari Cotner: Concert Orchestra 3; Freshman Orchestra 1; Symphonic Choir 3; Symphonic Orchestra 1.

Angela Cowan.

Glenda Cox: Office Asst. 1.3.4; Basketball 1; Softball 1.2.3.4; Class Rep. 1.2; Volleyball 1.

Joe Crawford: Baseball 1.2.3.4; Basketball 1; Football 1.2.

Jamie Creasy.

Jeff Cromer.

Chad Crosby.

Loevetta Crowell.

Joel Crozier.

Jamie Crum.

Rick Cruz: Academic Letter 3; Foreign Language Honor Society 3.4; Intramurals 3; Baseball 1.2.

Angela Cubel.

Kasey Curtis.

Colette David.

Wendy David.

Amy A. Davis: French Club 1.2; Teacher Asst. 4

Vincent Davis: Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Band 2.3.4; Freshman Band 1; Orchestra Winds 3; Marching Indians 1.2.3.4; Pep Band 1.2.3.4; Solo & Ensemble 1.

Donovan DeGaetano.

Ed Deluca.

Scott Dennis.

Jennifer Deporter: Tennis 1.2.3.4.

Tracy Dereamer: Brush and Palette 1.2; Teacher Asst. 4; Pep Club 1.

Dawn Noelle DeRose: German Club 1.2; Teacher Asst. 1.2.3; Legend 3; SADD 3; Thespians 2.3.4.

Mike Dever.

Melissa DeViney: Intramurals 1.2.3.4; Guidance Asst. 1.2.3.4; Softball 2; Volleyball 1.2.3.4(Capt.).

Michele Dick.



Dickerson - Fikes

Lisa Dickerson: Academic Letter 3,4; Indianettes 1,2,3(Rifle Capt.); Concert Band 2; Thespians 4; Orchestra Winds 2,3,4; Jazz Band 3; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.

Dan Dishno: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

Ljubica Djordjevic.

Les Doepping: Intramurals 2; Swimming 2,3,4.

Megan Donelli: Academic Decathlon 4; COIL 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Choralliers 3,4(Vice-Pres.); Concert Choir 2; Speech 3,4(Sec.); Thespians 1,2,3,4(Historian); Symphonic Choir 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Student Council Honorary Member 3,4; Spell Bowl 4; Academic Super Bowl 4.

Chris Donelson.

Danielle Y. Donohue.

George Dresbaugh.

Kathy Dujnovich.

Dawn Eidman: Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.



Dave Ellman: FCA 2; Lifter 4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,4.

Marce England: Lifter 3; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 2; Solo & Ensemble 1; Swimming 1.

Brandy Ennulat: Academic Letter 3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Pep Club 1; Science Club 1,2.

Robert Enochs: Intramurals 3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Tennis 3,4; Girls Tennis Mgr.

Samantha Ess: Intramurals 4; Concert Choir 2; Freshman Chorus 1; Concert Chorus 2; Symphonic Choir 3,4; Volleyball 1.



Christie Lynn Estes: Indianettes 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Band 1,2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2; Pep Band 2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1; Track 1,3,4.

Sherry Evans: STOP 4; Photo Staff 4; Photo Club 3,4.

Alicia Ewen: FCA 2,3; Homecoming Court 3; Intramurals 2,3; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Class Tres. 4; Track 1,2,3,4; Soccer Statistician 1,2,3,4.

Joseph Falatic: Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2.

Michelle Fallon: Intramurals 2; Class Rep. 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.



Eric Fayish.

Rick Fee: Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Christopher Feldbusch: Media Asst. 4.

Tracy Felinski: Teacher Asst. 3,4.

Derek Fessler.



Jon Fiebelkorn: Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Pow Wow 4; Swimming 1,2; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3.

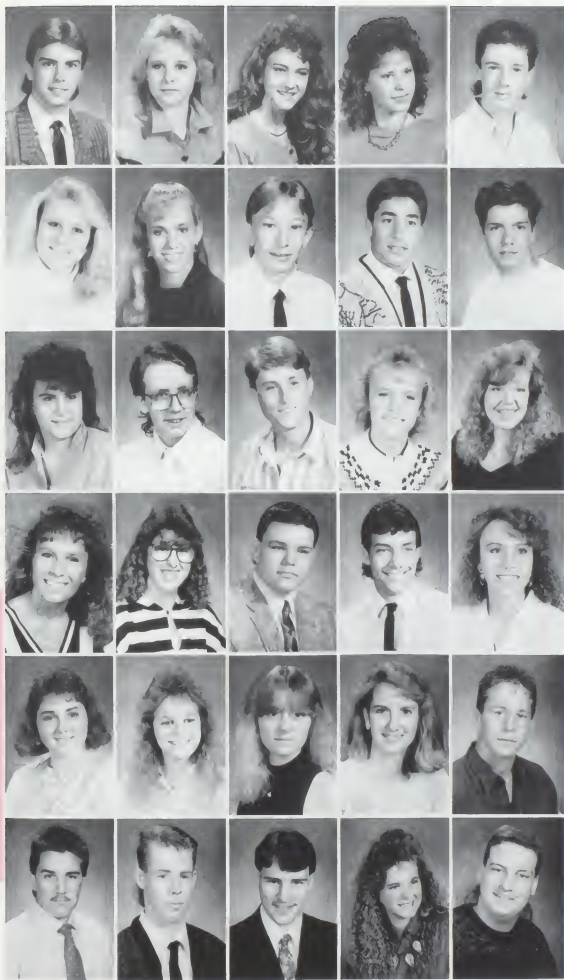
Dina Fessler.

Kevin Fields.

Georgianne Fife.

Jason Fikes: Football 2.





Luke Fisher.
Sigrid Fisher.
Karen Flach.
Christine Faith Foreman: Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Gymnastics 1,2,3(Capt),4.
Mike Forster.

Jill Fortini.
Angie Foster: Academic Letter 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Fall Homecoming Court 4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3(Tres),4(Tres); Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; Freshman Chorus 1; Honorary Student Council Member 3; Class Sec. 4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Boys' Tennis Mgr. 4
David Foster: Golf 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.
Mike Francesconi.
Daniel Franklin.

Heather Michelle Franz: Teacher Asst. 3,4; **Saga 4**
Keith Frazier: Boys' State 3; Intramurals 4; Teacher Asst. 1
Michael Fuerst: Track 4
Tracy Fugate: Media Asst. 3; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.
Beth Fusko.

Carrie Gagna: FCA 1,2,3; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Pom Pons 3,4; Basketball 1; Class Rep. 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2.
Nicole Gagna.
Michael Galindo.
Michael Gapinski: Intramurals 2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Aide 4.
Christine Garcia.

Emily Gardner.
Traci Gaskin.
Sharon Gasper.
Michelle Gibson: FCA 3,4; Latin Club 3,4; Speech and Debate 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1,2; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.
Shannon Goins: Teacher Asst. 2,3; Prom Court 3; Thespians 2; Football 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Mario Gonzalez: Intramurals 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3; Teacher Asst. 1.
Jeff Goodwin: Foreign Language Honor Society 4; Swimming 3
Tony Granato.
Chris Gregorash: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Student Council Honorary Member 1,2,3,4.
Tony Gregory.



Grinder - Hodgson

Sherry Grinder.

Walter Grishka: JROTC Color Guard 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Rifle Team 1,2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Math Club 4; Freshman Chorus 1; Football 3.

Angie Grizzle.

Jackie Grochowski.
Mike Gronck.



Peter Gudinas: Football 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Track 2,3,4.

Sherry Guernsey: COIL 4; Homecoming Court 3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3(Pres.),4(Pres.); Pom Poms 2,3,4(Capt.); Prom Court 3; Student Council Pres. 4; Class Pres. 3; Class Treasurer 1,2; Prom Comm. 4.

Brian Guerre: French Club 4; Thespians 2,3,4; Science Club 1.

Thad Hadley: COIL 4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3; Track 3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3,4(Vice Pres.); Intramurals 4.

Chris Hagan: Cross Country 1; Track 1,2,3.



Janet Hall.

John Hall: COIL 4; FCA 1; Intramurals 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Student Credit Union 3,4(Managing Director).

RaeMarie Hall: Concert Choir 2; Symphonic Choir 3,4.

Heather Hamerski.

Curtis Hamilton: Jazz Band 4; Tennis 4



Nicole Hamilton: French Club 1; Freshman Band 1; Volleyball Statistician 1; Saga 2,3(Editor).

Thomas Hamilton.

Richard Hardin.

Carly Harris.

Chad Hayes: Concert Band 1,2; Jazz Band 2; Marching Indians 1,2; Pep Band 1,2; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.



Judy Heath.

Michael Hendrix: German Club 2,3; Intramurals 3; Teacher Asst. 4; Freshman Band 1; Speech and Debate 3; Solo & Ensemble 1; Tennis 4; Track 4

Dan Herring.

Dan Hess.

Randy Hicks: German Club 1,2,3; Intramurals 2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1; Symphonic Band 3; Teacher Asst. 3.



Eric Hienstra.

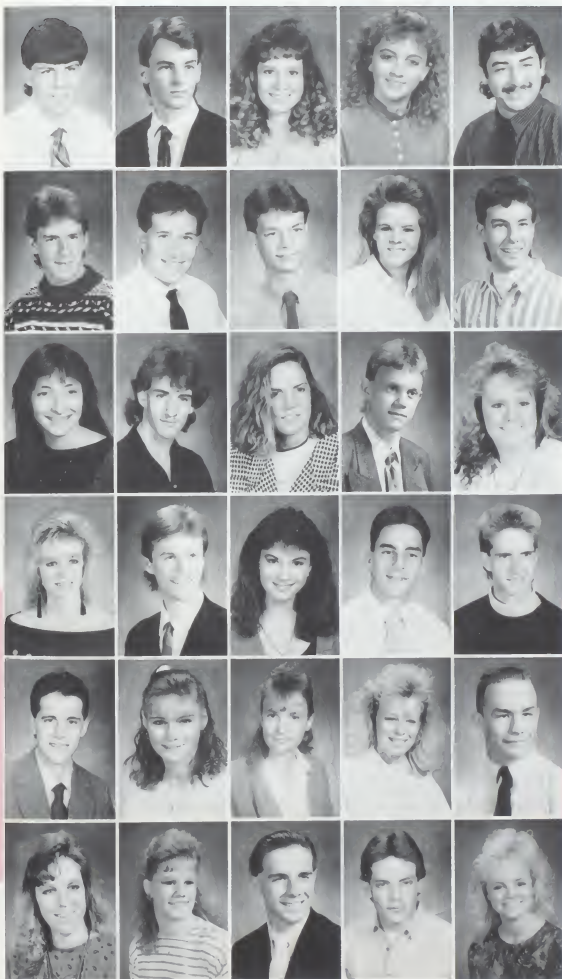
David Hill.

Jason Hill.

Chance Hodges: Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4; Class Rep. 3.

Michelle Hodgson: Teacher Asst. 3.





David Hoefle.

Mike Holman.

Nicole Holman: French Club 1,2,3(Pres.),4(Pres.); STOP 4; Teacher Asst. 3; Pep Club 1; SADD 2,3; Speech and Debate 1,2,3,4

Cynthia G. Horn: Legend 1,2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4 Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3.

Kirtus Hudson.

Michael Hutka: Football 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Class Rep 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Eric Igen: JROTC Drill Team 4.

Marcus Lee Jackson: Teacher Asst. 3,4.

Shawn Jakum: Teacher Asst. 3.

Adam Jaworski: Intramurals 3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Volleyball Mgr. 2.

Shelly Jenkins.

Jesse Johnson.

Margaret Johnson: Academic Letter 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Latin Club 1; Basketball 1; Swimming 1,2,3,4(Capt.)

Milo R. D. Johnson: COIL 4; FCA 3,4; Homecoming Court 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4; STOP Club 3,4; Teacher Asst. 3,4; World Affairs 3; Prom Comm. 3; Prom Court 3; SADD 3; Thespians 4; Football 4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Honorary Member Student Council Member 3.

Lee Johnston: SADD 1,2; Thespians 4.

Jennifer M. Jones: Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 1,2.

Ryan Jones: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4.

Amy Josleyn.

Steve Jovanovic: Baseball 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Football 1,2.

Mike Kalata: Football 3; Gymnastics 1; Wrestling 2.

Brian Kellogg.

Amanda Kesler.

Amy Kessler: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Basketball Mgr. 4.

Jennifer Kiest: Teacher Asst. 3; Volleyball 1(Capt.) 1,2,3.

Harold S. Kilgore: Academic Letter 4; FCA 3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,4; Latin Club 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3.

Ramee King: Basketball 1; Softball 1,2,3,4.

Debbie Kingery.

Richard Kinney: German Club 1,2,3; Teacher Asst. 4; Freshman Band 1; Pow Wow 2,3,4.

Rich Kirby: Teacher Asst. 4.

Misty Kirk.



Kish - Lynn

Laurie Kish.
Kelle Kniola.
Jim Kobialka.
Steve Koehler.
Christina Koughn.



Doug Kovell: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Tennis 2,3
Matt Kujawa.
Scott Kurawinski.
William Lackey: German Club 3.
Michael J. Laingren, Teacher Asst. 4; Football 2.



John Lambersie: Academic Letter 3,4; Intramurals 2,3; Cross Country 1.
Erin Lambert: Pep Club 4; Pom Poms 4; Prom Committee 3; Gymnastics 1,2,3(Capt.); 4; Track 1,2,3,4.
Joseph Lavendusky: COIL 4; German Club 1,2,4; Thespians 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball Mgr. 2; Student Trainer 2,3,4.
Jason Lay: COIL 4; Intramurals 2,3,4; Spanish Club 2; Soccer 1,2,3,4.
Kelly Lazinski.



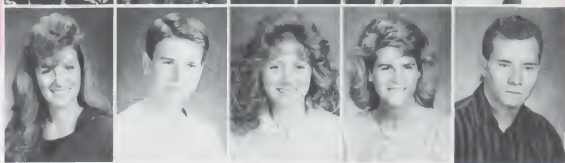
Karen Lesko: Teacher Asst. 3; Latin Club 4; Basketball 1.
Ryan Levan.
Tim Lewis.
David Leyba: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 4; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Wrestling 1.
Kimberly Liles: STOP Club 3,4; Pep Club 1.



Dale Linstrom.
Russell Livingston: Chinese Club 2,3.
Marc Llyod: Academic Letter 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.
Darryl Locasto.
Scott Logsdow: Swimming 1,2.



Mindy Luna.
Daniel Lundin: Cross Country 4.
Adriene Lynch.
Danielle Lynch: FCA 1; Intramurals 1; Freshman Band 1; Orchestra Winds 3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,4.
Eric Lynn.





David Lyons: Teacher Asst. 4
David Machin: Teacher Asst. 4; Math Club 3; Concert Orchestra 1
Cindy Madden.
Shaun Mallette.
George Mamounas.

Stacy Manering: French Club 2; Prom Committee 3; Basketball 2; Swimming 2,3,4
Kristi Manna.
Dan Marcotte.
Keith Markert: Intramurals 2,3; Baseball 1.
Janell Martin: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Swimming 1.

Jennifer Martin: Teacher Asst. 1; Latin Club 4; Pow Wow 2; SADD 4; Saga 4.
Chris Mathews: Football 1,2.
Danae Matlock.
Kristina Matlock.
Jenny Matteson: Teacher Asst. 3,4; Concert Choir 1; Peer Tutor 3,4.

Senior Year Not All Expected To Be



Senior Kathleen Djumovich is participating in the Homecoming activities by decorating the hall across from the commons with the football players numbers.

by Niki Scarbrough

Senior year is classified as a "blow off year." Many seniors walked into PHS on the first day with the attitude of, "Well, I'll just get my required credits and blow the rest off." Many PHS seniors came to realize that this year is not just a time to party, but to try and get something worthwhile out of the year. Maybe its receiving good grades, having a counselor help fill out a college application or just simply remembering times spent in the commons. Many seniors were asked, "Is your senior year what you expected it to be?"

"No, everyone told me that it would be a breeze, but it has been hard and very frustrating to get everything ready for graduation. Our senior year should be a blow off, but it's not! All grades in high school are the same, I thought it would be different, but it's not."

—Michelle Roman

"My senior year has turned out to be nothing like I expected. Every night I have some kind of studying or homework to complete. I thought my senior year would be all fun and games, but I thought wrong. If you miss one day it could be very vital. One advantage this year is that I have early release."

—Michael Shane McKinney

"My senior year is all I expected it to be. The biggest event was homecoming. Just being with friends all the time is the best. The classes I have are easy plus, leaving earlier than all underclassmen is great."

—Tina Retherford

"No, I thought it would be a blow off year but it's a lot of hard work. Everyday gets scarier."

—Renae Zazado



Matteson - Nelson

Michelle Matteson: Academic Letter 3; Teacher Asst. 3.4; Concert Orchestra 1.2.3; String Ensemble 1.2.3.4; Symphonic Orchestra 4: Solo & Ensemble 1.2.3.4.

Jenny Matthews.

Kelli Mattix: Cheerleader 1.2.3.4; COIL 4; FCA 1.2.3.4; Pep Club 1.2.3.4; Prom Committee 3; Class Rep. 2.3; Class Vice Pres. 1; Track 3.4; World Affairs 3.

Angeliqe Maul.

Jason Maxwell: Academic Letter 4; Boys' State 3; COIL 4; FCA 4; Intramurals 4; Teacher Asst. 1; Prom Committee 3; Speech and Debate 1(State Qualifier),2(Sec.&State Qualifier),3.4(State Qualifier); Football 1.2.3.4; Class Rep. 1.2; Class Tres. 3; Parliamentarian 4.

Mike McCabe.

Darrel McClung.

Vince McCulloch.

Eric McEwan.

Michael Shane McKinney: Boys' State Alternate 3.



John McLean: Symphonic Orchestra 2; Concert Orchestra 2.

Paula McWhirter: Teacher Asst. 3.4; Basketball 1.2; Softball 1.2.3.4; Volleyball 1.

Brian Medley.

Dawn Menard.

Angela Mendizabal: Spanish Club 1; SADD 2; Softball 1.



David Messer: Football 1.

Dawn Meyer: French Club 1; STOP Club 4; Teacher Asst. 1; Photo Club 4; SADD 2; Tennis 1; Exchange Student 2.3.

Rick Miazga: Spanish Club 2.3; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1; Marching Indians 1.2; Pep Band 1.2; Solo & Ensemble 1.2; Swimming 2.3.

Tammy Miles.

Dan Robert Miley III: Intramurals 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Legend 2.3.4; Photo Club 3; Football 1.2; Wrestling 1; Quill & Scroll 4.



Brenda Miller.

Eric S. Miller: French Club 1.2.3; Photo Staff 2.3.4; News Bureau 1.2.3; Pow Wow 1.2.3; Quill & Scroll 2.3.4; Girls' Basketball Videocameraman 2.3; Girls' Basketball Scorekeeper 3.4.

Mike Miller.

A.J. Monroe: COIL 4; FCA 4; Intramurals 3.4; STOP Club 3.4; Teacher Asst. 2.3.4; Basketball 1; Soccer 1.2.3.4; Capt. 1; Honorary Member 4; Tennis 4.

Mike Morales.



Ken Morris: Intramurals 1.2.3.4; Teacher Asst. 3.

Cynthia Mote: Teacher Asst. 4; **Saga 3**

Stephanie Murphy.

Kelly Nabhan.

Jim Nelson.





David Nemeth.
Steve Nemeth.
Christine Nevill.
Chris Nicholson: Intramurals 2,3,4; Spanish Club 3,4
Lisa Nicholson: Brush and Palette 3.

Michelle Novak.
Troy Nugent.
Rade Obradovic: German Club 1,2; STOP Club 3,4;
Freshman Band 1; Solo & Ensemble 1.
Jason J. O'Dell: Choralers 1,2; Thespians 2,3,4.
Patrick O'Hara: Intramurals 3; Teacher Asst. 1.

Jason Oldham.
Angie O'Neill.
Lillian Opolski.
Joe Ortt.
Hope Oslizlo: Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 1,4.

Seniors Will Always Have Memories

by Wendie Cadle

Memories are a part of every student's life; however, each student's memories are quite different. Seniors have the most unique memories. Memories vary from friends and teachers to sports and other activities in which they were involved. When seniors were asked, "What is your most memorable moment?" they had some unique responses.

"When John Lyons died my freshman year because it had such an impact on everybody."

—Brain Reed

"When I restrained Floyd Vestal from killing a substitute math teacher."

—Jack Wallace

"The experience I'm getting from cadet teaching, the experience it's giving me for college, and the joy I'm getting from working with the children."

—Melissa Berman

"Being in the first Symphonic Choir from Portage to make it to state, and proceeding to do it again the following year."

—Debra Bliss

"School activities, like Homecoming because of all the excitement of being with my friends."

—Shaun Mallette

"My most memorable moment at PHS is having my ankle broke by Roger Peek playing football."

—Bucky Woudema



Seniors Ron Aleman and Michelle Roque dance at the Fall Homecoming dance after the Indians defeated the Michigan City Rogers, Friday Sept. 21, 1990.



Ott - Purser

Angela Ott.

Ken Owens.

Jenny R. Orbolt: Cheerleader 1; STOP Club 3,4; Pom Poms 2,3,4; Thespians 4.

Sean Padlo: Academic Decathlon 4. COIL 4; Cross Country 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

Maria Pallick.

Cindy Pappas: Gymnastics 1,2,3,4.

Casey Patsel.

Adrienne Leann Patty: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Photo Staff 2,3; Latin Club 3; Freshman Band 1; Photo Club 3.

Pep Club 1,2. Pow Wow 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Thespians 1,2,3(Sec.)4(Sec.); Marching Indians 1; Swimming 1; Mat Maid 1,2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Teacher Asst. 4; Speech and Debate 1.

Pam Pauwels.

Rebecca Payne: Basketball 1; Cross Country 1; Track 1.

Carlos M. Pedroza Jr.: Chinese Club 3; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3,4.

Roger Peek: Lifter 3,4; Thespians 3,4; Football 1,2,4; Class Rep. 4; Football 1,2,4; Track 3,4

Jeannie Peele: Concert Choir 2; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 3; Solo & Ensemble 2; Mat Maid 2,3,4; Saga 3.

Aaron Pendleton: Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3.

Caryn N. Peterson: FCA 2,3; Legend 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; SADD 2; Golf 4; Class Rep. 4; Student Council Honorary Member 1,2,3; Swimming 2; Track 1; ISAC Convention Comm. 3; Homecoming Comm. 1,2,3,4; STOP Club 3,4.

Jason Phillips: STOP Club 4; Lifter 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 3,4; String Ensemble 3; Symphonic Band 3; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Track 1.

Bryce Pickering: Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 1,2; Marching Indians 2,3,4; Pep Band 2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.

Dale Pierce: Football 1,2,3,4.

Holly Pierce.

Susan Pierce: Marching Indians 1; Pep Band 1; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.

Jeann Plunkett: Intramurals 4; Spanish Club 2; Teacher Asst. 3,4. Legend 2,3,4; Indian Mascot 4.

Micah Pokorney: Soccer 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Mark Powell: COIL 4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Orchestra Winds 2; Symphonic Band 3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2; Football 1.

Kim Pressley.

Peggy Price: String Ensemble 1,2; Solo & Ensemble 1,2; Media Asst. 4; SADD 4; Speech and Debate 1,2,3(Vice-Pres.) and Tres.; 4. Concert Orchestra 1,2.

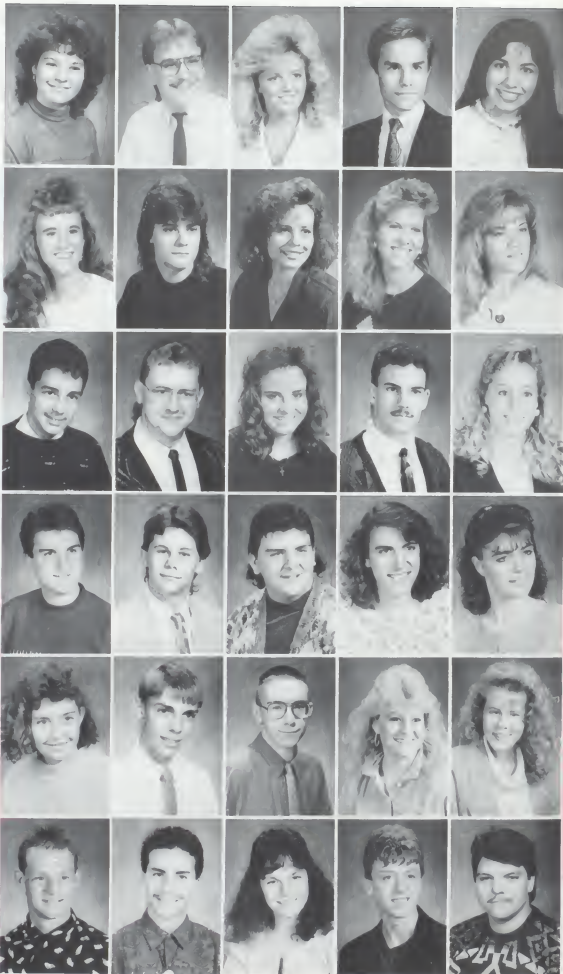
William Price: Mr. Football 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4.

John Pritchard.

Bessie Psihogios: Academic Letter 3,4. COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; Girls' State 3; National Honor Society 3,4(Pres.); Speech and Debate 3,4. Concert Orchestra 1, Symphonic Orchestra 2.

Jeremy Puett: JROTC Color Guard 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Physical Fitness 4; Rifle Team 1,2; Speech and Debate 2,3; Commander of Drill Teams 3,4

Chris Purser: Basketball 1; Intramurals 3.





David Putman: Concert Band 1,2,3; Speech and Debate 1; Freshman Band 1; Concert Orchestra 1,2; Orchestra Winds 1,2; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1.

Janet Putman: Teacher Asst. 3; Latin Club 1; Pep Club 1; Prom Comm. 3; Student Council Honorary Member 1; Vicky Pyke: Indianettes 1; Marching Indians 1; Pep Band 1; Track 1,2,3.

Jo Lynn Rambo.

Dawn Ray: Academic Letter 3,4; Academic Decathlon 4; COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 3,4; French Club 2,4; Girls' State 3; STOP Club 4; Speech and Debate 4; Student Council Court Justice 3,4; Teacher Asst. 1; Concert Band 1; National Honor Society 3,4; SADD 2,4.

Bryan Read: Lifter 3,4; Football 1; Golf 2,3; Ski Club 1,2,3,4(Pres.).

Joy Reber: Spanish Club 3; STOP Club 4; Concert Orchestra 1,2,3; String Ensemble 4; Symphonic Orchestra 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Swimming 2; Volleyball 1.

Bernie Reico: Teacher Asst. 4; Football 1,2,3,4.

Brian Reed.

Amanda Reid: Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3; Latin Club 1,2(Sec.); 3(Tres.); 4. **Legend 2.** National Honor Society 3,4; Spell Bowl 2,3; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,4.

Michelle Reisinger.

Tina Retherford.

Joseph Rich: Boys' State 3; Speech and Debate 3; Cross Country 2; Football 1; Track 1,2.

Jim Richards: Football 1,2,3,4.

Karen Richman.

PHS Seniors Offer Words of Wisdom

by Niki Scarbrough

As the year was coming to an end, seniors started planning ahead for the next year, some actually started to think, "I just might miss this high school." What a thought, huh? The walls of PHS provides some sort of security for almost everyone. A few of the seniors were asked the question, "If there was on thing you could say to the people at PHS before you graduated, what would it be?"

"To never take responsibilities too lightly. If there is something that needs to be done, get it done. Don't procrastinate!

In the long run you'll be sorry. Remember, PHS is a great place, and each and everyone of us should be grateful we received the chance to further our educations here. Thank you, everyone at PHS for four great years."

—Erin Lambert

"Thanks to all the great teachers, especially, Mr. Schultz, and I will miss this place."

—Karen Richman

"Good luck to all seniors, and even underclassmen."

—Rich Slawinski



Ron Aleman offers his words of advice for the '91 mid-term graduating class which took place on Sunday Jan. 27, 1991.



Ripple - Scott

Kevin Ripple: French Club 1; Swimming 1.

Howard Rix.

Chris Robbins: Intramurals 2,3,4; Football 1.

Jason Robertson: FCA 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2.

Wendy Robinson: Media Asst. 3.

Rae Ann Rockhill.

Richard Rodgers: Academic Letter 3,4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Football 1,2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

Joe Luis Herschel Rodriguez I: Basketball 1; Football 1; Class Rep. 1.

Rob Luis Rodriguez: Boys' State 3; Intramurals 3,4; JROTC Color Guard 1,2,3,4; Drill Team 1,2,3,4; Physical Fitness 1; Rifle Team 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Teacher Asst. 3,4; Spelling Team 1,2.

Robert Rodriguez.

Jessica Rogers: Teacher Asst. 4; Basketball 1; Swimming 1,2,3 (Capt.).

Michelle Roman.

Michelle Roque: Academic Letter 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; COIL 4; Foreign Language Honor Society 2,3,4; Homecoming Court 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Prom Comm. 3; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3; Student Council Honorary Member 1; Class Vice Pres. 4; Class Sec. 2,3; Tennis 1,2,3,4 (Mrg. & Capt.); Teacher Asst. 4.

Jenny Rose.

Troy Rose: Intramurals 1; Teacher Asst. 1,4.

Anita Rubalcava.

Bernadette Rubbi.

James Rusnak: COIL 4; Foreign Language Society 3,4; German Club 1,2; Photo Staff 4; Swimming 1,2,3,4 (Capt.).

Robert Russell.

Tawnie Russell.

Robert Samansky: Intramurals 1,2,3; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2.

Maritza Sanchez: Spanish Club 1; Photo Club 4; Ski Club 3.

Nicole Sarich: Indianettes 1,2; Concert Orchestra 1; Marching Indians 1,2; Swimming 1; Track 2; Ski Club 3,4 (Sec.).

Jennifer Schafer: COIL 4; Spanish Club 1; Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; SADD 1; Orchestra Winds 2,3; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2.

Kristine Schneider: Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1.

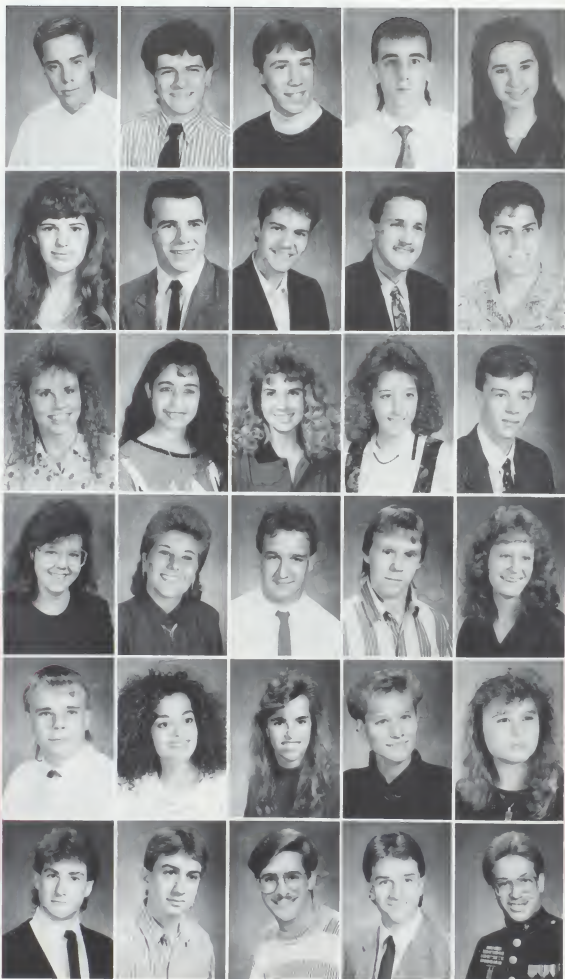
Andy Scholebo: Academic Decathlon 4; Intramurals 3,4; Litter 4; Math Club 3,4; Football 3,4; Student Council Honorary Member 3.

Mike Scholebo: Chamber Orchestra 1,2; Concert Orchestra 2.

Jason Scott.

Jim Scott.

Mark Scott.





Erik Sederberg.
Stephanie Serrano.
Dennis Settle: Baseball 1.2.
Christie Shaffer.
Greg Shaffer.

Charles Shane.
Danielle Shaw: Teacher Asst. 3.4; Freshman Chorus 1;
Peer Tutor 3.4.
Eugene R. Shaw II.
Angela Sherbit.
Michelle Sherwood.

Elizabeth Shield: French Club 1.2; Teacher Asst. 1.4;
Legend 2.3.4; Pep Club 1.4; Pom Poms 4; SADD 2.3.4;
Thesplans 2.3.4(Vice Pres.); Quill & Scroll 3.4.
Chris Shoppa: Intramurals 1.2.3.4; Teacher Asst. 3.4;
Football 1
Kathy Shurman.
Natalie Silaghi: French Club 1; Teacher Asst. 2.3.4.
Maria Siler.

Choosing College, Lifetime Decision

by Niki Scarbrough

Choosing a college to attend is one of the hardest decisions of a lifetime. When trying to choose the appropriate college there are so many pros and cons to weigh. One of the major decisions that should be considered is, "Does the university offer the best courses in what I want to study?" or "Is that college too close to home or a little too far away?" When seniors were asked the question, "What were the reasons for choosing the college you are going to attend?", there were a number of replies.

"Arizona State, their baseball team is one of the best in the country."

—Joe Crawford

"I've always wanted to fly and back-

ground in Aeronautics is superb there(Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)."

—Ray Thompson

"MIT, because they gave me a full ride."

—Chris Nicholson

"I chose Saint Mary's college in South Bend because it is an all girls' school, yet Notre Dame is right across the street for a variety of people."

—Karen Flach

"I chose Purdue North Central because I wanted stay home the first year and then transfer down to Purdue Lafayette. PNC also offers the classes I needed."

—Michelle Fallon



Senior Dan Hess is at the mini college fair which took place on Wednesday Feb. 27, 1991. College mini fairs offer valuable information for PHS students.



Simola - Sutton

Amy Simola: Intramurals 3,4; STOP Club 4; Teacher Asst. 4; Concert Orchestra 1,2,3; String Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Golf 3,4; Volleyball 1; Volleyball Stat. 2.

Jim Sims: Intramurals 2; SADD 3,4(Pres.); Teacher Asst. 1.

April Skeen.

Rich Slawinski: Intramurals 1,2; Baseball 1; Football 1; Golf 3,4; Tennis 3; Ski Club 2,3,4.

Jim Slease: Ski Club 3.

Carol Slinker: Photo Club 4

Amy Smith.

Chris Smith: Football 1.

Laurissa Smith.

Mike Smith.

Nick Smith: Academic Letter 3,4; Boys' State 3; COIL 4; Intramurals 3; Media Asst. 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Science Club 1,2,3; Basketball Mgr. 2,3,4.

Shannon Smith: Teacher Asst. 1,4; Choralists 2,3; Pep Club 3,4; Pom Poms 3,4; Speech and Debate 1; Thespians 4; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Track 1.

Terry Smith.

John Someson.

Jeff Soucy.

Lorei Sowa.

Jarret Spence: Spanish Club 2; Math Club 2; SADD 2,3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Pit Orchestra 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4.

Shana Stacy: Peer Tutor 3,4.

Chris Stanley: Intramurals 3,4; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4.

Jennifer Stanley.

Robin Stanley: STOP Club 4; Concert Choir 2; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 3,4.

Derek Steele.

Ken Stitts.

Jeannie St. Myers: Swimming 1,2,3,4

Dwight Stowers: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4.

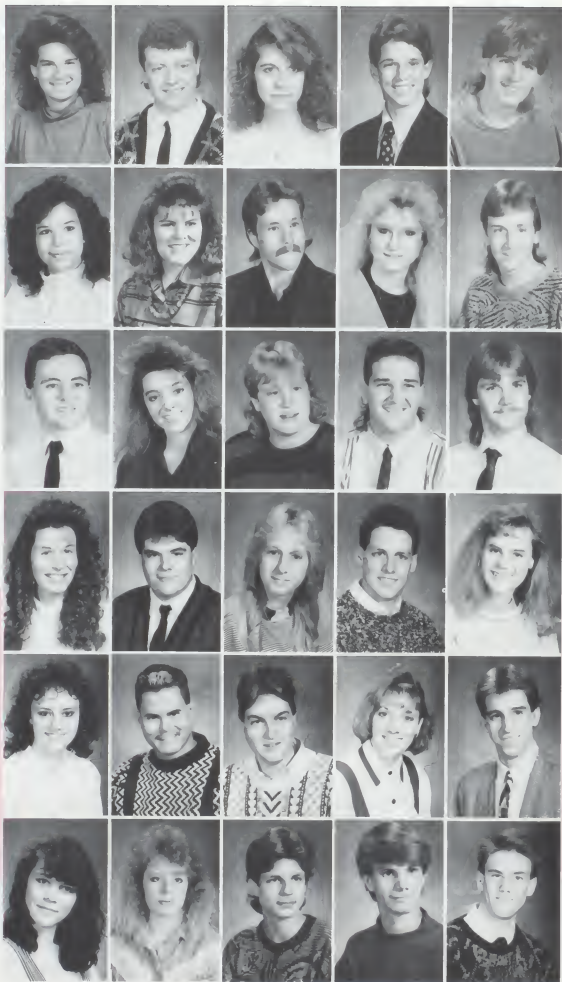
Marsha Striplin.

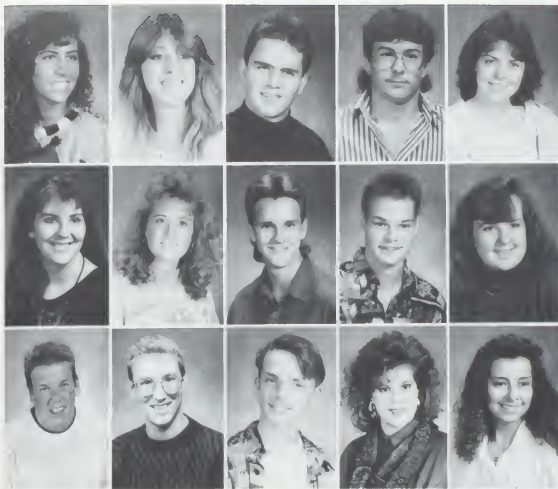
Kelly Sullivan.

Stephen M. Summers.

Shawn Sutherland: Baseball 1,2; Wrestling 1,2.

Brian Sutton.





Kyle Swerdon: Cheerleader 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Pom Poms 4; Prom Comm. 3; Gymnastics 1,2,3(Mgr.),4(Mgr.); Sec. 4; Student Council Honorary Member 3.

Jennifer Semutko.

Chris Taggart: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 4; Concert Band 2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 4; Solo & Ensemble 1,3,4

Dennis Tarne.

Lori Tarrant: Teacher Asst. 4.

Shelly Taylor: Academic Letter 3,4; Academic Decathlon 4; COIL 4; Spanish Club 1,2; STOP 3,4; News Bureau 3; National Honor Society 3,4(Sec.); Peer Tutor 3,4

Tami Tharp: French Club 1,2; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Guidance Asst. 1,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4

Jeff Thomas.

Raymond Thompson: Boys' State 3; FCA 2; Teacher Asst. 2,3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4

Barbara Thorn: Academic Letter 3,4; French Club 1,2,3,4; Girls' State 3; Teacher Asst. 2,4; Chamber Orchestra 2,3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; National Honor Society 3,4; Concert Orchestra 1; Orchestra Winds 2; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; String Ensemble 2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.

Mike Thorn.

Robert Tilford.

Jote Toftaker: Cross Country 4.

Jodi Torres.

Jackie Torrez.

"Seniors" Take Over City of Portage

by Niki Scarbrough



The students that participated in Youth Government Day were seniors Kathleen Dujmovich, Shane McKinney, Angie Foster, Jote Toftaker, Lisa Vogan, John Pritchard, Milo Johnson and Donovan DeGaetano. (Miller photo)

On March 5 nine seniors took over Portage. The seniors got the privilege to meet the Mayor Sammie L. Maletta. The nine students who received this honor were chosen by their peers. Those chosen were Milo Johnson, Mayor; Donovan DeGaetano, Clerk/Treasurer; and seven Council Persons, Kathleen Dujmovich, Angie Foster, Jason Maxwell, Shane McKinney, John Pritchard, Jote Toftaker and Lisa Vogan. The seniors were asked, "If there was one thing you could do while running the city for one day, what would it be?"

"I would cruise Central Ave. in a long white limo with Mayor Sammie M. on a Saturday night."

—Milo Johnson

"If I had the chance to change one aspect of the city, I would make an improvement in the environmental problems concerning Portage and the surrounding areas."

—Angie Foster

"I would try to get through a number of laws that would eliminate pollution and improve recycling."

—Jote Toftaker

One of the other questions asked was, "What would you do to improve Portage?"

"Make a downtown Portage."

—Donovan DeGaetano



Torrey - Whitaker

Michell Torrez.
Donna Tremmel.
Melinda Uhls: Pep Club 4.
Jim Updike: Brush and Palette 1; **Pow Wow** 4.
David Urchick: Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3.



John Vackavik: STOP Club 4; Concert Band 2,3; Freshman Band 1; Orchestra Winds 2; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Marching Indians 1,2,4; Pep Band 1; Symphonic Band 4; Track 4.

Tracy Valetich: Teacher Asst. 3; Softball 1,2; Volleyball 1; Softball Mgr. 3; Volleyball Mgr. 3,4.

Scott Vanburen.

Tony Velez.

Jamie Jean Josephene Verboon: Cheerleader 4; French Club 1,2; Winter Homecoming Court 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Pom Pons 2,3; Prom Court 3; Basketball 1.



Matt Vernon: Intramurals 2,3,4.

Floyd Vestal.

Tonya Via.

Stephanie Vincent: Attendance Office Asst. 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Band 3,4

Lisa Vogan.



Bill Vourazeris: Spanish Club 1,2; STOP Club 4; Lifter 3,4; Pep Club 3,4.

Scott Vuko: Academic Letter 4; Spanish Club 4; Teacher Asst. 1,3,4; Soccer 2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4.

Jim Waechter: Swimming 1,2,3,4.

Christine Wainscott.

Dawn Walker.



Jeny Walker: COIL 4; French Club 1; Intramurals 3,4; Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,3,4; Volleyball 1(Capt.),2,3,4(Capt.).

Jack Wallace.

Vince Wardecki.

Joe Warren: Football 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4.

William Watts.



Keely Weidon: Academic Letter 3; French Club 1,2.

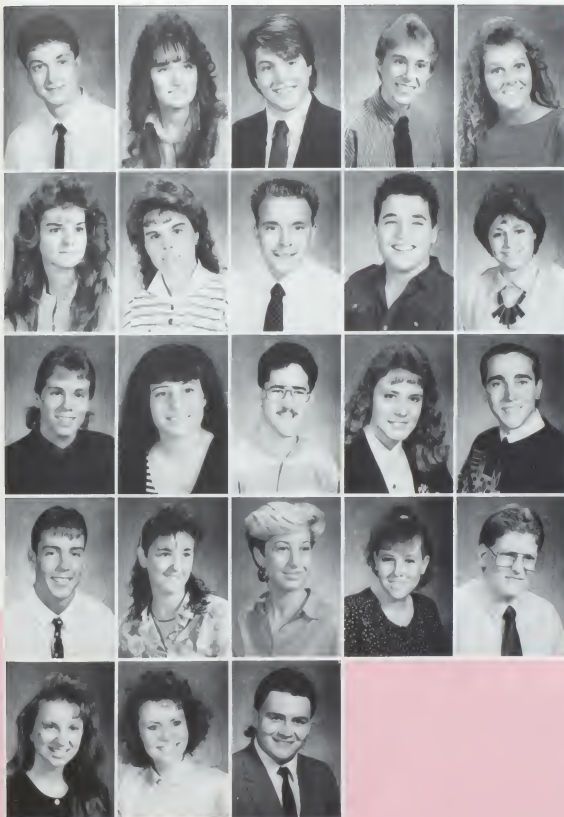
Geoff Wells: Teacher Asst. 2,3,4.

Jenny Westerkamp: Academic Letter 3,4; Academic Deashion 3,4; COIL 4; German Club 1,2,3,4; Girls State 3; National Honor Society 3,4; **Pow Wow** 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Quilt & Scroll 3,4(Pres.); Academic Superbowl 3,4; Spelling Bowl 4.

Tracey Lyn Westforth: Academic Superbowl 4; COIL 4; Teacher Asst. 4; **Legend** 1,2,3,4(Editor in Chief); Concert Band 2; Freshman Band 1; Orchestra Winds 2,3; Marching Indians 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1; Symphonic Band 3,4; Solo & Ensemble 2; Quilt & Scroll 2,3,4; Indiana All Region Band 1.

Mary Whitaker.





Jim White: Whitesider: Foreign Language Honor Society
Sheri L. Whiteside: Swimming 1,2,3,4.
Todd Willis: Academic Letter 4; Choralists 4; Concert Orchestra 1; Jazz Band 3,4; Marching Indians 3,4; Pep Band 2,3,4; Pit Orchestra 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra 2,3,4; Solo & Ensemble 1,2,3,4.
Christina Wilson.

Joyce Wilson: Indianettes 3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Freshman Band 1; Marching Indians 1; Solo & Ensemble 1,4.
Rebecca Wilson: Spanish Club 1,2; Pep Club 2,3; **Saga** 4

Matt Wittzak.
Gary Woudema.
Jodi Wozniak: Teacher Asst. 1,2,3.

Joe Wozniak: Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Prom Court 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1; Class Rep. 2; Tennis 2; Track 4.

Faith Wygle: French Club 1,2; German Club 3; **Pow Wow** 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1.

Chris York: Math Club 3,4; Intramurals 2,3,4.
Jennifer York: Academic Letter 4; French Club 1,2; Intramurals 2,3,4; STOP Club 3,4; Teacher Asst. 1,4; SADD 4; Basketball 1; Volleyball 1; **Saga** 3; Volleyball Mar. 1; Volleyball Stat. 2,3,4.
Joe Young.

Rick Yudi: Winter Homecoming Court 3,4; Intramurals 1,2; Teacher Asst. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4(Capt.); Football 1,2,3,4(Capt.).

Kim Yuhasz: Teacher Asst. 1,4.
Renae Zazado: Intramurals 2,3,4; Volleyball 1.
Marcia Zeck.
Caleb Zelencik: Teacher Asst. 3,4; COIL 4.
 Academic Letter 4; Golf 1,2,3,4

Lisa Anne Zielinski: French Club 1,2; Freshman Chorus 1; Symphonic Choir 2,3,4.

Victoria Zills: Indianettes 1,2,3; Intramurals 1; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2; Student Council Honorary Member 1
Chris Zolkowski.

Kim Adams
John Adamski
Laura Addison
Tina Addison
Stacey Adler
Heather Ahrens
Michelle Ailes

Wendy Aitken
John Albrizio
John Allison
Jason Alman
Amy Archer
Angie Arnold
Brian Austin

Shannon Autrey
Mike Avery
Ramon Ayala
Ryan Babsak
Jay Bagley
Larry Baker
Tim Balazs

Blanca Borajas
Mike Barker
April Barnard
Tim Bayer
Jamie Beasley
Chad Beatty
Debbie Beddome

Amy Bell
Mary Bellar
Tim Bennett
Angie Bernier
Jim Bigham
Abby Blackburn
Betsy Blaha

Renee Bliss
Kim Boland
Jodie Bolton
Tracey Bond
Kristy Bonuff
Tim Bradford
Trinity Brinda

Mike Brosky
Cory Brown
David Brown
Eric Brown
Jason Bruzek
Jenny Burton
Roger Butterfield

Jim Butvin
Brad Cain
Julie Calamaris
Theresa Campbell
Christy Canfield
Dawn Canzano
Melissa Cardenas

Juan Cardona
Joseph Carrasco
Stacy Carrillo
Jennifer Cash
Arthur Casillas
Dane Castellanos
Travis Castilleja

Stephanie Catherman
Brian Chodwick
Jennifer Chasko
Christopher Chelich
Shane Christlieb
Nicolette Ciciora
John Clasen





Chrissy Clendeniel
Carn Collins
Brian Connell
Sheri Conrick
Stacey Cooper
Lynne Corbet
Tammy Cosich

Brian Coughlin
Sara Covington
Melissa Cox
Thomas Crane
Karen Creech
Gus Crews
Mark Croell

Kim Crosslin
Karen Cubbison
Teresa Cunningham
Renee Curry
Jennifer Cuvo
Tammy Daghy
Michelle Dahlgren

Angela Daily
Billy Delton
Kim Daniel
Kelly Davenport
Denise Davis
Angie DeJohn
Jessica Del Priore

Tim Demmon
Rick Dempsey
Marcia Detterline
Beverly Devine
Chris Devine
Mike Dilag
Tanya Dillard

Nick Dillman
Jason Dolan
Liz Dover
Kim Dozier
Adam Dozier
Dusti Duffee
Scott Dujmovich

Laura Dunlop
Anthony Duron
Michael Duron
Keith Duvall
Jim Eagen
Ron Eckman
Heath Elsmere

John Epley
Julie Erdel
Karen Esbolt
Robert Esbolt
Gloria Escabalzeta
Steve Essany
Jennifer Evanatz

Bob Farr
Darrell Fasel
Brenda Faulkner
Ariadna Fernandez
Debra Fessler
Dawn Fickle
Ed Fidler

Bob Findley
Jason Fischer
Dennis Flanagan
Bobby Flowers
Shannon Foley
Colleen Fosburgh
Carrie Ann Foster

John Frederick
Jennifer Frencl
Cherie Gagna
Michell Gallagher
Nichole Gravalia
Amy Garris
Jenna Gatewood

Suzie George
Dan Gillis
Kevin Glenn
Michelle Gomez
Jon Gonzalez
Christopher Gorgei
Robert Gorski

Vicky Green
Heather Griffith
Peggy Griffith
Scott Griffith
Amy Gruchalski
Mario Gubic
Dann Gue

Dennis Guernsey
Joseph Guerre
Ro Guerrero
Melinda Gum
Dawn Haddon
Christy Haines
Brian Halaschak

Marie Hale
Deanna Hall
Julie Ham
Charles Hamlin III
Katherine Hannon
Ted Haraminac
Stacey Hardin

Christopher Haskell
Jeff Hassen
Daneen Hatch
Randy Hatchett
Angela Hatfield
John Hawkins
Mary Hawkins

Matthew Hendershott
Kellie Hendie
Daniel Henk
Steven Henning
Derek Herrold
Deborah Hill
Rebecca Hill

Karrie Hiltzley
Melissa Hiltzley
Laurie Hinkley
Sean Holland
Michelle Hooper
Timothy Hooper
Lisa Hoover

Melanie Hostetler
Brian Hotchkiss
Chris Howell
Sharon Hoyne
William Hrdina
Brian Huber
Laura Hull

Billie Humphries
Jordan Hurst
Rodney Hyatt
Matt Innes
Sam Ivey
John Jacob
Geoffrey Jacobs



Morning: early to bed, early to rise makes you weary

by Cyndi Horn

Time: 6:00

Place: Your own personal snoozing pad
The Question: Can I endure another seemingly endless day at SCHOOL?

For the entire population of students and faculty, these factors arise every weekday morning. The situation is more than likely one of the most dreaded tasks of the day. How one handles this task, or how one spends their early morning time, is considered their very own personalized morning ritual.

OK, first things first. It is safe to presume that one has to get out of bed. What comes afterward is hard to tell. Applied English/Latin teacher, Mr. William Schott said his morning ritual is to "turn off the alarm, use the toilet, shower, shave, brush teeth, comb hair, dress and then go into the kitchen."

Senior Angela Ott said the first thing that she does in the morning is "go to the bathroom."

On the other hand, some people choose to cover all the nutritious aspects the morning has to offer. Junior Audrey Wolf inquired that, "I have to eat in the morning or else my stomach will growl during school."

Schott said, "My wife lays out my clothes in the morning because she loves me too much to see me leave the house looking like a geek!"

No matter what your morning ritual is for preparing for school, it is a very important part of one's lifestyle. So, we should all keep up the routine. A day that is started off well, in all probability will turn out to be more productive and certainly more enjoyable.



As an everyday ritual that girls go through, senior Megan Donelli fixes her hair in the bathroom during the five minute break between classes.



Anthony Jank
Kelly Jannasch
Carrie Jarosak
Tera Jarosak
Jawad Javed
Rosemary Jefimenko
Roger Jenkins

Matt Johnson
Melanie Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Sean Johnson
Marissa Jones
Guy Jones
Josh Jordan

Mark Joseph
Jeremy Jovanovic
David Joyce
Jeff Juszcak
Mike Kalina
Tammy Karsten
Reba Keller

Chad Kestner
Maryann Kilgore
Jeffrey Kimbrough
Lesley Kirk
Chris Kish
Jason Knapp
Jim Knight

Vanessa Koski
Carrie Kovats
James Kozenschik
Carrie Kozlowski
Marisa Krenkel
David Kubiak
Steve Labus

Sirrena Lagneau
Jennifer Lamb
Stacey Lance
April Lange
Sarah Latham
Tanisha Lee
Tammy Lehman

Katherine Lehecky
Melissa Lemond
Kim Lenburg
Cliff Lenson
Roberto Leon
Amy Lewandowski
Carrie Lewis

Angie Lija
Michael Lindstrom
Dave Littleton
Melissa Lockwood
Heather Lorange
Jennifer Lothian
Jennifer Lowe

Mike Lowe
Ami Lute
Chris Lynch
Sondressee Mabon
Rose Mandich
Jeremy Mann
Michael Mann

Sheri Manske
Natalie Markovich
Kenny Marrs
Melanie Marsden
Brian Martin
Carrie Martin
Tara Martin

Irene Martinez
Jeremy Mathis
Melissa Matthews
Tim Mattis
Barbara May
Lynn McCleary
Michelle McClell

Eric McCorkle
Sarah McDougal
Shannon McGriffin
Heather McHenry
Kathy McKenzie
Mandy McKeown
David McLain

Angie McLean
Jason Mead
Mike Mead
Jeff Medley
Robert Melton
Michelle Mendez
Doug Meyne

Gretchen Miestowski
Ginger Mikulich
Mike Milley
Ed Miller
Garth Miller
Mark Miller
Julie Mills

Scott Milteer
Christine Minick
Richard Miotke
Angie Mitchell
Donna Mitchell
Jenna Mitchell
Tammy Mitchell





Angela Mocabee
Tammy Modesto
Pam Moise
Amy Mongaray
Heather Moore
Michael Moyer
Mike Muir

Brian Murphy
Chet Myers
Karen Napalowski
Chris Nasiatka
Chris Nedoff
Heather Neeley
Doug Nelson

Pupil Pride: students speak of school spirit

by Liz Shield

The average student spends seven hours a day, five days a week, 187 days out of the year in school. Senior Tonya Via said, "In order to lead a fruitful and promising life a person must be prepared to spend many hours in school."

Compared to the other local high schools, Portage is, "a good school system," junior Shane Christlieb said.

Some students agree, such as Bill Gutierrez, freshman. "Portage has better sports and more educational opportunities than other schools in the area."

PHS seems to take on higher standards, such as our academics, environment and athletics, which is a good reason why this school is the third largest in the state of Indiana.

Senior Dawn DeRose said, "I think we are very well off, opposed to local schools, because we have a lot of luxuries they don't have."

Such luxuries might include the smoking area and the commons. Bill agreed, "The smoking area is nice for smokers and the commons is a nice area for dances."

Dawn commented that since she does not use the smoking area and only travels through the commons occasionally, it really makes no difference to her, though she says she is sure a lot of kids appreciate them.

Beyond the standards of opposing local schools and luxuries, PHS has an array of good points dealing with atmosphere, sports, academics and much more. Shane commented that PHS, "has a lot of school spirit."

The backbone of any school must be

education. Portage offers an abundant amount in its educational classes. "We always seem to have quality sports teams and a good stable academic program," Dawn said.

As far as languages are concerned PHS lets students have a chance to experience speaking Spanish, French, German, Latin and, for students who can handle it, Mandarin Chinese. The Mandarin Chinese class has a pre-requisite that you must have had two years of a language and had to have a B average in that language. Senior Jennifer Martin said, "I've taken two years of Spanish and one year of Latin. Taking the languages have helped me with SAT's and understanding certain words and meanings. Not to mention the culture is interesting." Math fluctuates from basic math to calculus. There are various types of English classes offered to every student in every grade. There are two types of sciences to study, they are natural sciences and human sciences. The arts are of the widest variety at PHS. There is music and painting, mechanical classes and life skills, not to mention such things as jewelry and pottery classes.

As one might be able to tell, there is much to be learned and Portage is quite a good provider of such things. A person could call PHS a home away from home, considering how much time is spent here. Sometimes these emotions are personal, but usually they deal with school. As the seven hours a day, five days a week, 187 days out of the year drudges along, Portage tries with great effort to make the stay here as pleasant as possible.



A

she fixes a defective light on the Student Council Christmas tree in the commons, junior Pam Moise cracks a smile of enjoyment. (Miller photo)

Brian Newlin
Tram Nguyen
Kenneth Nickos
Bruce Niloff
Tracy Nofsinger
Jason Nohr
Angie Norman

Chad Norman
Mark Norrod
Jessie O'dor
Luis Olivencia
Jessica O'Neal
Theresa O'Neill
Tonya Orange

Robyn Ormes
Antoinette Ortiz
Jodie Ozbolt
Jeremy Palmer
Tammy Parks
Melissa Parlock
Viren Patel

Jami Patterson
John Paviadakis
Melanie Peda
Tom Peek
Renee Pence
Kevin Pepkowiak
Charmaine Perez

Joe Perez
Susana Perez
Toby Perez
Kayce Perkins
Bonnie Perrine
Jennifer Pete
Erin Phillips

Heather Pike
Shelly Pittman
Amanda Planas
Chad Poole
Eric Popp
Josie Powell
Amy Powers

Dan Poznanski
Dan Prschak
Amy Pressley
Jamie Price
Jason Price
Katina Pride
Ted Prine

Richie Pruitt
Kristi Pulsoni
Thomas Puskac
Melissa Radigan
Chris Rafitis
Marsha Raico
Mike Rains

Eric Ramos
Kristine Rea
Annette Ream
Tasha Reese
Rich Revetta
Kassey Reynolds
John Rhame

Julie Rhody
Dennis Ried
John Ripperdan
Susanne Ritchey
Mike Ritthaler
Melissa Rivera
Michelle Rivera





Rick Rivera
Amy Robbins
Mark Robbins
Mark Robinson
Shawn Robinson
Christian Rodriguez
Joe Rodriguez

Heather Rogers
Greta Rondinelli
Jeff Root
Joe Rosales
Debbie Rose
Teresa Rose
Shane Rossie

June Rouse
Mike Rubens
Jennifer Ruthenbeck
Mark Ruvalcaba
Miles Sabin
Adrienne Samardzija
Michael Samuelson

Discipline: a few absences may go a long way

by James Wilborn

As of January 1991, there have been 211 suspensions and eight expulsions at Portage High School.

Over 10 percent of the entire student body have had a vacation and eight students may never receive a high school diploma. "Some students abuse the opportunity to a good education," said Larry Casbon, athletic director at Portage High School.

Another form of disciplinary action is corporal punishment or paddling.

Portage High School's administration uses suspension, expulsion and Saturday class as forms of discipline.

I propose three new forms of discipline. What ever happened to after school detention? If a student misses a Saturday class he is suspended for three days. Why not make the student stay after for three hours one day or one hour for three days. It keeps the student busy and doesn't let him off with a vacation. He can still learn.

Sophomore Gary Timm commented, "I think there should be after school detention instead of Saturday classes because sometimes students can't make Saturday classes. It would be easier for faculty and students to make it on a school day."

Dawn Canzano, junior, said, "Some

people have legitimate reasons for missing Saturday class, like having to work."

Secondly, in-school suspension is a type of discipline mentioned in the Portage High School Student-Parent Handbook 1990-1991; however, it is utilized rarely, according to the attendance office.

Dawn Fickle, junior, said, "Suspension is fine. The school has in-school suspension, but they don't use it makes no sense."

Mr. Andrew Halaschak also told me that there was no place to put students and no one available to watch them during in-school suspension.

Finally, one last proposal that is completely new to Portage High School.

John Alexander, a teacher at Portage High School once pointed out to me that "a control that offers a reward rather than threatens a punishment is more likely to succeed."

If these proposals did work, our community would set a fine example for others to follow.

W

hile watching over the Saturday class, Mr. James Conway reads his newspaper. Students who had Saturday classes were required to have work to do. (Torres photo)



Tina Sander
Walter Sandoval
John Santana
David Saviola
Niki Scarbrough
Erik Scheier
Darren Schmidt

Hannah Schmidt
Tim Schoenling
Troy Schweitzer
Joanne Scott
Kirsten Sederberg
Mark Selby
Alissa Serrano

Jon Sexton
David Shaffer
Chris Shaw
Stephen Shaw
Beth Shepard
Tanya Shubat
Leanne Shukitis

Phil Shuman
Kim Shuster
Patience Shultz
Laura Siegal
Robert Silaghi
Liz Silva
Robert Simons

Kevin Sims
Vicki Sims
Tim Simstad
Laurie Sink
Daniel Sisco
Jim Sitar
Michelle Skinner

Heather Slack
Sean Slack
Susanne Slane
Michelle Sloan
Heather Smith
Jason Smith
Jennifer Smith

Jeremy Smith
Stephanie Smith
Patti Snow
Jerry Solarczyk
Ryan Sonntag
Brenda Sorrels
Rosemarie Sosa

Tiffany Soto
Gabe Soukup
Ollie South
Amy Spillar
June Spoa
Trisha Springer
Michael St.Arnaud

Tim Stahl
Amy Stanley
Ronnie Stanley
Nicole Stefanelli
Michael Steve
Wendy Stilwell
Erik Stoddard

Lisa Stoehr
Carrie Swier
Melinda Strong
Wendy Sulich
Ed Sullivan
Theresa Sutterfield
Linda Sutton





Lisa Sutton
Lora Sutton
Krisby Swan
Jason Swart
Beth Swift
Chad Szabo
Tanya Tavernier

Darren Taylor
Eliot Teci
Ed Teffau
Stacy Terry
Anne Thielen
Eric Thompson
Melanie Thompson

Natalie Thompson
Jeff Thorn
Dave Timmons
Gerard Torres
Michael Torres
Michael Tosh
Jerry Truax

Michael Tucker
Steve Tupper
Sandy Turnball
Danny Uncapher
Danny Uzelac
Katherine Uzelac
Cindy Valenti

Deanne Vallow
Mike Vasquez
Shara Vespo
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Grisel Villanueva
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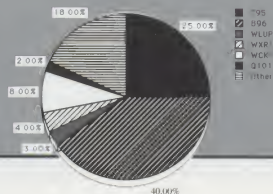
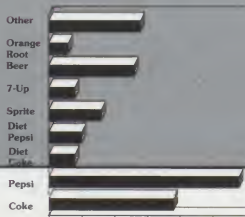


On the Banks of Highway 6 with the Class of 1992

One hundred junior students were surveyed during study halls and asked about some of their favorite foods, pops, radio stations and classes. The likes and dislikes of the class of 1992 are recorded below. One of the survey questions concerned favorite food. Students were given a choice of pizza, hamburgers, tacos, chicken, spaghetti and other. Pizza received 55% of the student body poll while hamburgers only had an outcome of 8%. Tacos received 21% and chicken, being the healthiest of the choices, only had

a 3% response. Nine per cent responded as spaghetti being their favorite and 10% other foods then what was offered.

When students were asked what their favorite subjects were, 18% said they preferred English while 27% liked math better. Science received a response of 12%, history received a 14% and 29% preferred other classes. Below are graphs showing the students favorite pop and radio stations.





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Ryan Ashby
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Nerves: What people do to annoy others and just generally irritate all of us

by Wendy J. Sanders

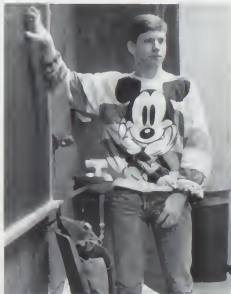
Mary sat in English class tapping her pencil to the rhythm of a song she had heard earlier that morning. Amy rested on her elbow and every few minutes she would emit a wild sneeze. Eric yelled at Susan for wiggling his chair with her feet. Jessica whispered to Mandy about Friday night's football game. Kari leaned back in her chair to crack her back. Chris sat talking loudly to Renee, who sat across the room. Dan sat in the front of the room rambling to himself. Throughout the classroom various sounds and noises reverberated while the teacher babbled on.

Noises and other annoying actions can distract from a student's education. These certain actions are sometimes called pet peeves. Everyone has them but some people have more than others. Some people can work in chaotic situations while others re-

quire quiet and serene areas to concentrate. One big annoyance that most people don't like is screeching fingernails on chalkboards. Some other pet peeves that teenagers did not like were people who talk through their noses, teachers who lecture too long, teachers who assign lots of homework and backstabbing. Crystal Torres, sophomore, said, "One of my pet peeves is when someone is two-faced or is a hypocrite."

Sophomore Teisha Chavez has an interesting pet peeve. "I hate it when people shuffle their feet along the floor and it makes a loud screeching noise. My biggest pet peeve is when people push you around and take advantage of you. Also people who bite their nails really bug me."

Although everyone has pet peeves and they will always be a part of life, everyone will have to learn to live with them.



Senior Donovan Degaetoni screeches his nails on the chalkboard of Mr. Yan Wolfman's third hour Advanced Physics class. (Jones photo)

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Lenny Bishop
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Mary Blaha
Rebecca Bialock
Juliet Bogue

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Eve Bremer
Ed Brennan
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Tiffany Brink
Marvin Brown

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Kristin Brunling
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Shannon Cable



Fitness: an adventurous experience; PE becomes more than exercise

by Wendy J. Sanders

Physical Education is a two year required course. Although PE is beneficial to a student's health, fitness and overall well-being, many students are opposed to taking two years of fitness classes. Most schools in the area require only one year or two credits of fitness courses. It also offers a wide variety of different sports such as pickleball, badminton, table tennis, and gymnastics. Some students said PE should be done away with altogether, but others felt that only one year (of PE) should be required. "I think that PE should not be required because students might want to take another class. If you want to take it you can, but if you don't want to you shouldn't have to take it," was the opinion of Tatjana Dick, sophomore.

Other students thought that PE should be required for at least one year. Sophomore Mercedes Greene said, "Students should take one year (of PE) but they

should get to choose (if they want to take it) after that." Many students that were interviewed had negative view points on having to take two years of required PE. Although most students take PE two consecutive years (freshman and sophomore), some must take it junior or senior years because of physical conditions, because of losing credit or because they have opted to take other classes. "I think that students should be required to take only one year of PE," junior June Rouse said.

Also, some students do not like the idea of having to take nine weeks of swimming. During this time period they (students) learn some types of swimming strokes, floats and safety skills.

Sophomore Jenny Sworden said, "Students should not have to take swimming to graduate."

June also added that students should not need to know how to swim to get a diploma.



Freshman Vicki Fisher swings at a birdie while freshman Greg Peckham looks on. The students were playing badminton at West during Mrs. Parks gym classes. (Miller photo)



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Freedom: potential student drivers anticipate automotive life

by Wendy J. Sanders

For most students, learning to drive is a big part of high school life. Driving means having more freedom to do what they please and more independence from their parents.

Driver's Education allows students to learn all aspects of driving, not just behind the wheel training. There are four parts to the Driver's Ed. course. They are road, range, automobile simulators and class.

Road is driving in a car around the community with an instructor and several other students. Range is driving on miniature roads that are set up in the school parking lot. Simulated driving machines are used to help students practice their driving skills before they are sent off to the real driving world. Class is also a big part of the training course. Gary Roubideaux, sophomore, replied, "I didn't like the simulators but I liked the range."

Sophomore Kelli Koleck also agreed, "I

didn't like the simulators because they weren't realistic and didn't help your driving."

This past summer (1990) Driver's Education students were charged \$135 to take the four week course. Kelli said, "I didn't like Driver's Ed. I didn't think it was worth \$135."

The July 2 cut off date cut back on the number of students who were eligible. Anyone 15 years or older was allowed to take it. "I think I should have been able to take Driver's Ed. even though I was only 14," sophomore Brenda Likavec said. Many students who had birthdays just days after the mid-summer cut off also agreed.

Students who weren't eligible this summer could take it the next summer or when they get older they can take driving classes from other certified driving schools in the area.



Senior Jote Totaker, a foreign exchange student from Norway, yells to a fellow student in the parking lot. (Torres photo)

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Jodi Hicks
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Tracy Hill
Nathan Hillman
Josanna Hilleley
Tera Hintergardt
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Brian Hope

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Jennifer Hostettler
Holly Hostettler
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Ronnie Howell
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Brenda Humphries
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Sandy Kegebein



Chivalry: a relic from the past or an affectionate path for love

by Niki Scarbrough

The age of chivalry, where hast thou gone? Chivalry at Portage High School may be here but it has become something that's next to impossible to find. Most men would be more than willing to pay for a date. On the other hand the women feel with changing times they should also be willing to pay half if not pay for the whole date on certain occasions.

Sophomore Jason Schadt said, "I would pay and I do think in most occasions it is right to pay for the whole date."

Sophomore Wesley Minton said, "Yes, I would definitely pay for the date."

On the other hand sophomore Karen Shay said, "I would offer to pay half."

Sophomore Brian Smolnick said, "Oh yeah, I would pay for the date

without a doubt."

That is not the only question at hand whether or not who should pay for the date. There is also the question of should a man help a lady on with her coat or open a door for their date? Many men feel that women now a days are liberated and possibly might feel offended treated as nothing but an equal.

Sophomore Robin M. Autrey said, "No, I feel that if a guy tries to help too much it ruins the effect of a good date." Robin also said, "I think that most girls enjoy to be treated with courtesy and that makes you feel that the guy likes you."

Sophomore Leslie Blackwell said, "Maybe the car door but not a restaurant door." Leslie's response to helping a lady on with her coat was, "No, that is too old fashion."

Sophomore Mike Parrigan said "Yes, of course I would help a girl on with her coat and open the door for her."



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After school junior Roger Butterfield shows his chivalry by offering to carry senior Dawn Meyer's bag. (Evans Photo)



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Mike Knola
Kelli Kolec
Becky Kopec
Michael Kotsos
Jason Kowalski

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James Platek



Conflict: Gulf Crisis causes hazardous travel; France trip prohibited

by Kim Crosslin

After months of saving and waiting patiently, French travelers will wait a year longer to go on their fabulous French vacation. Mr. Richard Kirchner cancelled the trip due to the threat of terrorism related to the Persian Gulf Conflict.

The trip to France usually consists of a first rate tour of the all regions of the country. Mrs. Sue McPherson, French teacher and organizer of the trip, said, "We try to get to all regions, Paris, the countryside, the mountains and the coast. There are also a lot of recently built structures in Paris that we would like to see. For example, the glass pyramid in the Louvre."

The trip is far from being cheap with a price tag of about \$1,800 per student, senior Shannon Carns, who organized the Valentine's Day carnation fund raiser, said the group raised \$150 for the trip that would be divided

by the six travelers.

Although the seniors that planned to go in 1991 will be offered the trip next year, there were still signs of disappointment.. Shannon said, "There is just no way I can go next year because I would have to take time off from college."

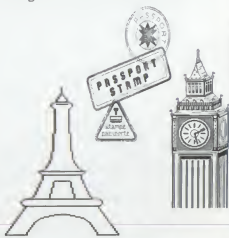
The trip takes place during Portage's spring break which differs from most college breaks. She also added, "I may only see France on a honeymoon type of trip."

Lora Dunlop, junior, was more concerned with waiting until next year, "I've looked forward to it (the trip) for so long and now I have to wait another year to go to France." She said, "I wanted to see the places pictured in our book. I could look at them and say 'I'll be there soon.'"

The travelers that invested about \$375 will lose their \$75 deposit, but the remaining \$300 can be put towards the trip in

1992. They also lost some money on things like passports that will have to be renewed.

Although the cancellation of the trip was a major disappointment, a lesson might have been learned. After all, good things come to those who wait.



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 Jason Rodriguez
 Louie Rodriguez
 Christopher M. Rogers
 Jessica L. Rogers
 Jerri Rogym
 David Roman

Joe Romero
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 Dan Rosario
 Pete Rose
 Tom M. Rosperski
 Gary Roubideaux
 Shawnee Rouse

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 Wendy Sanders
 Jeremy Sarver
 Jason Schad
 Dennis Schiller
 Stephanie Schmidt
 Mike Schoonover

Kevin Schultz
 Stacy Scott
 Tammy Scott
 David Servaty
 Jamie Servatka
 Larry Shadley
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 Daphne Shaw
 John Shaw
 Theresa Shaw
 Karen Shay
 Dan Shoppa
 Brian Showalterbaugh



Cruelty: animal testing and dissection: barbaric or vitally necessary?

by Michele Clark

Today drugs are being tested for the cures of different diseases, to test these drugs some researchers are using animals. Animals are also being used to test different products such as non-prescription drugs and make-up. Everyone has his own feeling about using animals to test products; some may see it as animal cruelty others may see it as a crucial part of society development.

"I think animal research should be continued on small animals such as rodents, but larger animals shouldn't be used in tests," Aaron Atkins, sophomore, said.

Bill Auksel, senior, said, "The unjustifiable cruelty to animals should be stopped."

Eric Ilgen, senior, said, "I think animal cruelty is stupid! I think we should use prisoners that are in jail."

"I think by dissecting animals you get to understand more about what you're

reading by seeing it up close," Angela Markos, sophomore, said.

"I don't think it is right to dissect animals in biology because the animal population is getting smaller everyday," Angela Shadrix, sophomore, said.

Because of so many conflicting opinions it's very difficult to decide what's right.

Animal dissecting also raises some tension among people. Tina Cole, junior, said, "I don't think that it is right to dissect the animals, that would be like dissecting a human and no one would do that."

Jennifer Fluck, freshman, said, "Dissecting animals is gross. How would they feel if they were the ones being dissected?"

Freshmen dissect various animals in Biology ranging from worms and crayfish to frogs. In Biology II student dissection advances into the internal exploration of fetal pigs. Although negative feelings may be voiced against these practices, teachers still require it for a grade.



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freshman Joyce Drasch dissects worm during Mr. James Doane's first hour Biology class. Most students dissect worms their freshman year. (Evans photo)



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Craig Spele

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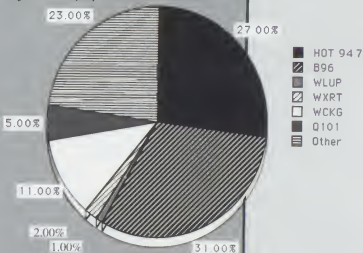
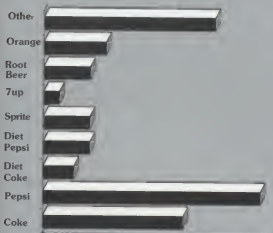
with the class of 1993

One hundred sophomores were surveyed during study hall about their favorite radio stations, food, pop and class. The likes and dislikes of the class of 1993 are below. One question concerned food. Students were given a choice of pizza, hamburgers, tacos, chicken, spaghetti and other. Pizza received 49% of the sophomore student body polled while hamburgers had an outcome of 14%. Tacos received 24% and chicken only had a 3% response. Nine per cent

responded as spaghetti being their favorite and 10% preferred other foods than what was offered in the survey.

When students were asked what their favorite subjects were, 17% said they preferred English while 27% liked math better. Science received a response of 13%, history also received a 13% and 30% preferred other classes.

Below are graphs showing the students favorite pop and radio stations.



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Style swerve: spark of life, blast of past

by Christopher Bradford

Do you remember when we were still in middle school how everybody used to kill for those parachute pants and red and black Michael Jordan shoes? Now, stone washed jeans with holes all over are stylish.

When we were younger, the teachers said that Communism would always exist and it would never come to an end; now it's phasing out and the Berlin Wall has come down, which they said wouldn't come about.

"I don't remember much about former clothes styles, but the styles have gotten wierder and more outrageous since I started high school," senior Tony Velez said.

Seniors Marc England and Sean Ashby both agreed that fashion has gone through enormous changes. "Parachute pants along with plaid and stripes used to be in."

Not only prevailing tastes in clothes have changed, but history as well. For example,

the Berlin Wall came down and the space shuttle exploded 72 seconds after lift-off at Cape Kennedy in 1985. Marc England, senior, said, "When Sammy Davis Jr. died, I cried." Davis' death was another big incident that occurred in the 1980's along with other things like when former President Regan got shot and nearly died.

There are so many aspects of life that have changed since we first began school. Many experts even say that the 1980's are going to be the most historic era of all time. For example, President Reagan's office term ran out and former vice-president George Bush became President.

Sometimes it feels like time never stands still and always moves on, never stopping for anyone. Have you ever noticed how fast time flies by? After your first steps in school time goes so fast that before you know it, you're graduating.



Some people love to stay in the newest styles and fashions. Amanda Reid, senior is one. (Miller photo)

Joseph Clasen
Pedro Claudio
Robin Clem
Bryon Clouse
Angela Coe
Carlos Colon
Shannon Combs

Shawn Conner
Cristi Conrick
Justin Conway
Kelly Cool
Stacy Couture
Edgar Couture
Albert Cox

Felicia Cox
Jennifer Cox
Joshua Cox
Angela Crawford
Ruth Creech
Kenneth Crews
Leslie Crockett

Natalie Crowder
Elsa Cruz
Amy Cuellar
Michelle Curtis
Mikell Daege
Brian Daniels
Christopher David

Adam Davis
Gregory Davis
Aimee Deliotte
Rodney Delhay
George Dennis
Jennifer Dennis
Robert Dennis

Becky Detteline
Anthony Devries
Jason DeWitt
Susan Dicken
Jeremy Dixon
Brian Djurich
Shelley Djurich

Brandon Dolby
Treva Doll
Corrie Donelli
Bryan Dowd
Joyce Drasich
Susan Dravet
Joe Draszich

Valerie Duff
Stacy Duffey
Tammy Dunahoo
Allison Duvall
Dawn Eaton
Stacy Eisel
Michelle Elkins

Brian Emery
Shawn Enstrom
Priscilla Espinosa
Brian Essay
Krisit Evans
Roberta Ewing
Robert Eyermann

Cheryl Fain
Eric Fancher
Mike Farris
Tanya Fasel
Teresa Fee
Ryan Fenters
Jessica Fields





Sean Fingerhoo
Jennifer Fisher
Kent Fisher
Victoria Fisher
Steven Flanagan
Jennifer Fluck
Michelle Forney

Joseph Foster
Becky Foust
Tracy Franchville
Joseph Frazier
Ted Frazier
Kelly Frazo
Jamie Frederick

Chris Frencl
Peter Frick
Crystal Frizzell
Mike Fultz
Tony Galati
Amanda Galindo
Karina Galindo

Scott Garzella
Lara Gensimore
Bryan George
Terri Gertzen
Jill Gibson
Danielle Glenn
Becky Gloyd

Dating: students enjoy dating despite dealing with cases of nerves

by Chris Bradford and Cayn Peterson

Dating is a typical experience that many teenagers have faced at one point or another. It is often this time spent together that can make or break a sparked interest in a member of the opposite sex. Therefore it is easy to understand why dating makes many students nervous.

"Although nervousness is a possibility, I like to date and think it can be fun," senior, Jennifer Matteson, said.

There are many variables involved in dating like where to go, who will drive and what time to leave. The ever lingering terror of introducing the man or woman of your dreams to your relatives also could add friction. Junior Trinity Brindza said, "I usually try to date when my parents are gone so I don't have to go through the embarrassment of introducing them to my date."

Although going out was a great way to meet people, certain things had to be taken into consideration. Alcohol and other harmful activities often determine and damage the outcome of a quaint little evening. John Smith, sophomore, said,

"The girls I date usually assume drinking and parties will be the events of the night."

Social acceptance also played a major role in the lives of teens. Dating is a large leap in the part of life to adulthood and may continue until a commitment or a special attachment is formed.

One important thing to remember is that peer pressure shouldn't influence any decisions that are bad. Dating is a large leap in the part of life to adulthood and may continue until a commitment or a special attachment is formed.

Age is also one problem that forms and may affect the outcome of the relationship. Senior Bob Tilford said, "My parents are a bit hesitant about me dating people who are older than me, but I can still do it."

Parents can affect relationships in certain ways. "My parents don't like it at all, and always ask me why I don't go out with people my own age," freshman Jodi Smith said.

In other cases you will find that there are a few people who are seeing someone who is in their twenties and they end up getting married as soon as they get out of high school.



Some students often spent time together at dances the school held. Seniors Sherry Guernsey and Pete Gudinas are seen here together dancing. (Miller photo)

Troy Gnat
Jennifer Godin
Eric Goetz
Shawn Goetz
Randy Goff
Cary Goffredo
Tammie Golec

Phillip Gomez
Daniel Gonzalez
Martha Gonzalez
Austin Goocher
Adam Gorden
David Grant

Dustie Grant
Richard Grasham
Brian Graves
Jodi Gray
April Greenwell
Jerry Greer
Thomas Gregorczyk
Timothy Grzybowski

Eddie Guess
Kerry Gum
William Gutierrez
Anthony Hammerstein
Autumn Hammock
Deanna Hannon
Daniel Harrell

John Herrold, Jr.
Patrick Harvey
Debbie Haskell
Laura Haslet
Chandra Hasse
Jason Hatfield

Cathy Havlin
Dawn Hayes
David Hayes
Gloria Headley
Jimmy Helms
Michelle Hendershott
Gregory Hendershott

Crystal Henderson
Sean Henderson
Michelle Henrichs
Satin Heroux
Tim Hess
Scott Heyse
Joseph Hicks

Amy Hiltzley
Shannon Hinden
Gregory Hinchley
Kerry Hodsdon
Brandi Hofferth
Tara Hoots
Michelle Hoover

Ryan Hopkins
Abby Howe
Jeffrey Howe
Michelle Howell
Tony Hrisofos
Eric Hubball
Brian Hull

Jennifer Hurst
David Hutchins
Rachael Hutman
Camelia Ibrahim
Shane Illyes
Daniel Irvine
Laura Isley





Tiffani Jakich
Jennifer Johns
Robert Johnson
David Johnston
Kimberly Johnston
Christopher Jones
Rhonda Sue Jones

Ryan Jones
John Joppck
Andre Joseph
Mark Joselyn
Billy Jump
Libby Kado
Kelly Karakozis

Mike Karakozis
Wendy Karsten
Bill Kehoe
Mike Keith
Ronald Kelley
David Kellogg
Jennifer Kelly

Jeffrey Kennedy
Tracy Kidwell
Tanya Kirchner
Brian Kirgan
Nicole Kirgan
Kathleen Kirk
Rob Kirk

Steven Kish
Jan Klakoski
Carrie Kludt
Boyd Koehler
Linda Koehler
Quinn Koehler
Valerie Kowal

Driving for life: tips about cruising safe and carefully

by Caryn Peterson

Is there such a thing as a perfect driver? Many people consider themselves a good driver but there are ways to measure this. Learning to drive defensively seems to be the only way (other than getting your license suspended) of adjusting yourself and others to the rules of the road.

Defensive Driving is driving to save lives, money and time in spite of your conditions and other's actions. According to the Defensive Driving Course Guide, "There are five points to a Defensive Driver—knowledge, alertness, foresight, judgment and skill."

Senior Janet Putman said, "The class taught me to be cautious and alert while driving."

Being defensive also means getting the whole picture by anticipating all moves of other drivers; but one of the main rules of driving is to always leave yourself an out,

but in some cases this isn't always possible.

According to recent events, there has been a number of accidents on highways because teenagers like to play hit and miss where people stand on top

of an overpass and drop rocks or asphalt onto passing cars causing them to wreck.

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ighways and interstates are the most common places for accidents to occur. Most accidents can be avoided with common sense. (Miller photo)



Stacy Kral
Donald Kreischer
Keith Kreischer
Miles Krizmanic
Kerry Kubeck
Brian Kubiak
Paula Kuntz

Tricia Labus
Joel Lach
Larry Lafflower
Shane Lafoy
Aaron Landrum
Richard Leary
Jennifer Lehner

Angie Lewandowski
Christy Lewis
Joseph Lindfeldt
Andrew Lindstrom
Joanna Linsmeier
Jennifer Livengood
Chuckie Llamas

Christina Llamas
Jeremie Lovall
Thomas Luellman
Jon Lukowski
Cyndi Lush
Cindy Lute
Michael Luttrell

Sheila Lynch
Michelle Lyon
Trina Malangoni
Heather Malizola
Stacy Mann
Jaanna Manna
Lisa Manna

Tim Manteuffel
Jennifer Mantz
Arron Marentes
Jennifer Mariani
Nicole Markovich
Melissa Martin
Pennie Martin

Shawna Martinez
Jennifer Mason
Joseph Matlock
Tim Matt
Bryan Matthews
Kurt Mattox
Nicole Maul

Christina Maxwell
Patrick May
Benjamin Mazurek
Lana McCall
Bill McCall
Drew McCance
Kristy McCaw

Dena McKay
Jessica McCloskey
Lana McCordle
Bryan McCulloch
Jennie McDougall
Christopher McGee
Marcia McGill

James McGuire
Brandon McKinney
James McMurray
Daniel McWhirter
Bryan Mears
Jeremy Mears
Jesus Mendez III





Roger Mendez
Bubbles Mendoza
Charlie Meyne
Angela Michael
Kenneth Michaels
Shelly Mikita
Holly Miles

Jamie Miles
Christopher Miller
Dawn Miller
Jeff Miller
Crystal Miltenberger
Jason Minder
Holly Misecko

Chad Mitchell
Bob Mitckess
Erica Moats
Jennifer Mocabay
Candice Modesto
Carrie Modesto
Christel Moore

Jeff Moore
Rachel Moore
Desiree Morales
Michele Morales
Carl Morris
Carrie Moyer
Rudy Mrak

United: spirit driven students emerge winners from class competitions

by Sheri Conrick

The students that go to Fegely Middle School and Willowcreek Middle School knew from day one that they were rivals. In their three years at those schools they argued about everything—athletics, academics, who has better food and so on.

However, these two schools and Nativity came together to form one class, the class of 1994. They had to place past grievances aside in order to produce the abundance of spirit needed for Homecoming activities, their Student Council elections and still be able to get along on a day to day basis.

The first day of school was rough for some, but eventually they felt that they pulled together.

"At first I thought it would be Fegely and Willowcreek. When we first got here it was all unique. We were all new, but we found out all the names right away. We all came together really well," Patrick Harvey, freshman, said.

Class spirit is tested in many ways. The freshman must have spirit at both their pep rally and their student council elections.

"At the beginning of spirit week there wasn't a lot of participation. We were kind of

embarrassed. We didn't know how the upperclassmen felt about it," Christy Lewis, freshman, said.

Many freshman felt embarrassment about supporting the class and didn't quite know how the upperclassmen felt about showing spirit.

"I think that this class is trying to have spirit but they are afraid to show it because they are freshmen. That's the major reason for the lack of spirit. They didn't know how the upperclassmen felt" DeeDee Rodriguez, freshman, said.

The homecoming spirit may not have been up, but freshman thought their election spirit was high.

"Everyone was screaming especially when Bubba (Quinton Shorter) started his 'I have a dream speech.' No one would quit clapping and yelling. We were sure who we were going to vote for until the convocation and then all our votes changed," Christy said.

"I think that overall the enthusiasm of the freshman class was great," Cristi Conrick, freshman vice president, said.



Many students participated in fall homecoming pep rally. Ron Aleman, senior, smashes a pie into the freshman class president Quinton Shorter. (Miller photo)

Kathy Muir
Rosalin Mulvihill
Elmore Mundell
Mark Mundell
Vanessa Murrow
Kevin Napier
Brandy Navardauskas

Jennifer Neeley
Stacy Negron
Bridget Nelson
Dustin Nelson
Amy Nemeth
Christy Neyhart
Tuan Nguyen

Melissa Nicholson
Danie Nobles
Leslie Noel
Deborah Noffsinger
Lori Norman
Andy Novak
Patricia O'Brien

Katina O'Neal
John Ollis
Ryan Olsen
Jason Oness
Anthony Orsolini
Vicky Ortiz
Monica Overturf

Jennifer Parduhn
Amy Patitsas
Angela Pavlic
Christopher Payne
Gregory Peckham
Virginia Pedone
Yvonne Pedroza

Maria Pena
Michael Pence
Aaron Pepkowski
Heather Pepkowski
Vickie Perez
Yolanda Perez
Brandy Perrine

Daniele Pickering
Jason Pickering
Jody Pickford
Melissa Pilnock
Ray Pittman
Frances Pietka
Steve Pollard

Patricia Pointer
Terry Polston
Christopher Press
Teresa Prine
Michelle Prohaska
Trisha Pryle
Nicole Puckett

Joshua Puert
Tracy Pugh
Charlotte Pyke
Daniel Pyke
Jason Quick
Roxanne Rafits
Jennifer Ragland

Courtney Raico
Eric Rajski
Mary Ramos
Jeffery Reedy
Karen Regula
Jason Renner
Heather RENO





Brandon Retherford
Kenneth Rutherford
Michele Reyna
Jaime Rhodus
Katherine Ring
Brian Ringer
Bill Risk

Stephen Roberson
Danielle Robertson
David Robertson
Rebecca Robinson
Christopher Rockwell
Jennifer Rodgers
Dee Dee Rodriguez

Ed Rodriguez
Gloria Rodriguez
Jaime Rodriguez
Jason Rogers
Vanessa Roldon
Cruz Rosales
Tina Rosales

Steve Rose
Paul Roy
Kenneth Runions
Steve Rusnak
Ronald Russo
Kris Salain
Sandy Samardzija

Adam Sanchez
Evette Sanchez
Viki Sanchez
Jennifer Sandberg
Chris Schaefer
Wendy Schaefer
Kristin Schmalfeldt

Bad Days: take comfort, peers disclose some secret sources of grief

by Louis Bain and Shannon Cable

Hitting a bus in your brand new Ford Mustang GT while doing 40 in a 10 mph zone, failing the biggest test of the year and not doing very well in a swim meet are instances that could be defined as a "bad day."

English teacher Mrs. Patricia Benson said "I feel a bad day is when I haven't met the goals I set for myself."

One of junior Katherine Lehockey's "bad days" consisted of locking her keys in her car, walking home to get another set, finding out she was locked out of the house, walking back to her car and calling the police.

Sophomore Sean Whelan said a bad day was "When you stay up late after a swim meet and can't concentrate in school because you left your brains are at home."

"I woke up at 5:30 thinking it was 6:30. I called my girlfriend to say I couldn't talk to her because I had to dress for school. I washed my hair in the sink and got dressed. When I went to the bus stop, I thought I was late; so, I ran

through yards when I ran over my neighbors. They have a sandbox that's covered with snow. I was 10 feet from the bus stop when I tripped over the sandbox and fell into a pile of slush. I came to school wet from the snow and felt like a fool. It looked like I wet my pants. I was made fun of all day. In gym I was called Pee. I got into a fight with a senior and he beat me up really bad. When I got home I had a call on my answering machine from my girlfriend saying she wanted to break up. To top off the day I burnt my dinner my mother left me warming it up in the microwave. After that I undressed and went to bed," Jim Pullins, sophomore, said.

"Bad day" holds a different meaning for different people and each one is unique in its simplest form.

Sophomore Tereasa Gingerich said, "When the guy you like goes out with your best friend and he talks about you behind your back."



A

tudents often come to the media center for some last minute studying. Tim Schoeling, junior, is seen here studying for an English test. (Miller photo)

Dan Scholebo
Kimberlie Scholebo
Kristin Schumacher
Kevin Scott
Bruce Selva
Tim Senovic
Vicki Shadley

Jennifer Shadrux
Michael Shane
Curtiss Sheely
Matt Shepard
Shital Sheth
Kim Shipley
Pete Shippin

Amy Shorb
Quinton Shorter
Beth Shurman
Tami Sickles
Gary Silkwood
Dustin Simmons
Steve Simmons

Terri Simstad
Veronica Sinclair
Rick Singleton
Kelly Sisco
Hiram Sizemore
Amanda Smith
Emily Smith

Jodi Smith
John Smith
Megan Smith
Rae Smith
Shaney Smith
Sylvia Smith
Cristy Snellgrove

Kelly Snitchler
Stephanie Snoder
Scott Soto
Rolando Soto, III
Kim Southhall
Melissa Spurlock
Scott Stafford

Chrissy Stamate
Dan Stamper
Mandy Stanko
James Stanley
Malone Stanley
Joel Starnaud
Jill Stevenson

Hope Stiles
Rebecca Stillwell
Carrie Stout
Erich Strausbaugh
Leslie Strausbaugh
Allen Stultz
Dan Sullivan

Leslie Sullivan
Brandy Sutherland
Desa Svetic
Justin Swart
John Szabo
Holly Szmuto
Nichole Szmuto

Tracy Szostek
Melissa Tarin
Tiffany Tarpley
Kevin Tavernier
Chuck Teel
Kristin Terwilliger
Daniel Thompson





Greg Thompson
Ron Thompson
Stephanie Thompson
Joe Timmons
Ryan Tinsley
LeeAnn Towery
Heather Trask

Erin Trathen
Jason Trinks
Randy Trent
Jessie Trench
Amy Tucker
Brandy Turner
Kresha Utley

Deann Zelaz
David Vanwieren
Jami Vandenberg
Richard Vandervort
Tom Vedron
Lina Veiner
Melissa Villanueva

Mike Villanueva
Jennifer Vogt
Jennie Volk
Karri Vrska
John Vuko
Jami Vukovich
Patrick Walsh

Effort feeds: top 150 academic students awarded

by Brian Forst

On Feb. 12, the 3rd annual freshman breakfast was held in the West cafeteria during second hour honoring the freshman who had a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.

"It was nice, I think it also encourages everyone to do well," Kristy Leheart, freshman, said.

"I thought it was nice that the cooks came in early to make us breakfast," Missy Pilnock, freshman, said.

Approximately 150 freshman students attended the breakfast and feasted on a variety of different foods and beverages. Principal Mr. Forrest Rhode and the other assistant principals were there enjoying themselves. "I think it is a good idea for us to honor those students who excel academically," said Mr. Rhode.

At the breakfast, there were prizes donated from a number of different companies. Coca-Cola donated 35 T-shirts and 10 cases of pop the school sold. Coca-Cola also donated a girl's and a boy's ten speed bike which Ken Crews and Angie Jewandowski won. A teddy bear was donated by Jacobson's Office Supplies which Susan Blastick won.

The breakfast consisted of pancakes, waffles, french toast, eggs, ham, sausage, fruit cups, milk and juice. "The breakfast was delicious and it was a very nice experience," Kelly Cool, freshman, said.

Susan Blastick freshman, said "The breakfast was alright, but the good thing about was you got out of class for it."

The good thing about breakfast was that it showed students that when you work hard, not only do you receive good grades, but also a pat on the back.

*E*njoying the benefits of hard work, freshmen Emily Smith and Rebecca Stilwell participate in the freshman breakfast. (Miller photo)



Jean Walters
Deborah Warren
Travis Warren
Greg Waslewski
Christa Waslewski
Lance Watkins
Nate Watson

Patrick Watson
Roxanne Webb
Dan Weeks
Jennifer Welles
Dana Wellman
Beth Wells
Kimberly Wenzel

Tim Westbury
Jack Westforth
Leah Whitten
Tawnee Whitten
Tricia Whitten
Christine Williams
Mike Wilson

Bobby Wireland
Erik Wiseman
Alan Woelk
Jon Wood
Jim Woodard
Kavin Woods
Jeffrey Yates

Dennis Yon
John Yuhasz
Jill Ziemer
Jeremy Zimmerman



Excuses, excuses: telling tales of tardy students

by Jean Plunkett

"Well, Mr. Halaschak, the main reason I came in 7/8th hour today is because of a horrible power outage (yeah, that's it, a power outage) which caused my alarm to fail this morning, therefore causing me to oversleep. When I finally woke up I thought it was Saturday. Flipping on the tube I discovered it was only Wednesday, because there were no good cartoons on. I went out to my car, and wouldn't you know it, I couldn't get it to start.

So if you'll just write me up one of those white slip things I think I'll just mosey on down to class."

In the past, students have found themselves in many different predicaments. These could exist just about anywhere—on the job, at home, with relationships, and more often than not, at school. Yet somehow students would find their way out by having to think up of some excuses.

"I had homework that was late, so I told

my teacher it was in my locker. I actually made it up, but it worked," said Valerie Boruff, freshman. She also added that she "uses excuses whenever possible to get out of a jam."

Mr. Andrew Halaschak, attendance officer for the Portage school system, said that some absence excuses just aren't believable and usually don't work.

"Death is really hard to deal with, and I understand that," he said, "but we had a girl one year who, over a period of time, claimed she had about 8 grandparents die. Even with the possibility of step-grandparents these days, I think that pushes it a little."

People like to exaggerate on real life experiences in order to get out of being counted late for school and get a tardy, in that particular class.

David Robertson, freshman, shared some of his advice about the subject, "If you're a good liar and a good actor like me, then everybody will believe your excuses."



an Herring, senior, was one of the hundreds of students who signed out this year. Students signed out to go to the dentist, doctor, home, etc. (Evans photo)

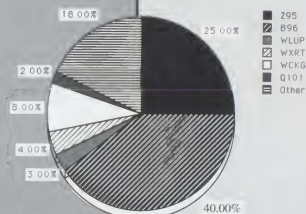
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On The Banks of Highway 6 with the class of 1994

One hundred freshmen students were surveyed during study halls and asked about their favorite radio stations, food, pop and classes. The likes and dislikes of the class of 1994 are recorded below. One of the survey questions concerned favorite food. Students were given a choice of pizza, hamburgers, tacos, chicken, spaghetti and other. Pizza received 57% of the student body polled while hamburgers only had

an outcome of 3%. Tacos received 18% and chicken, being the healthiest of the choices, only had a 1% response. Seven per cent responded as spaghetti being their favorite and 15% preferred other foods.

When students were asked what their favorite subjects were, 10% said they preferred English while 21% liked math better. Science received a response of 17%, history got 5%, and 42% preferred other classes.



Freshman Class Officers:
 Quinton Shorter, President;
 Christi Conrick, Vice-President;
 Candi Modesto, Treasurer;
 Chris Shaffer, Secretary
 (not pictured).

Teachers actually have real lives

by Jean Plunkett

A student finishes play practice around 5:00 in the afternoon. Realizing he forgot his Spanish workbooks for the assignment due tomorrow, he quickly dashes up two flights of terribly tiring stairs. While opening his locker he is startled to see his math teacher walking down the hallway with a sleeping bag in one hand and a pillow tucked under her arm. As he questions her, he discovers that she, along with several other teachers, sleeps every night on the unknown fourth floor of the high school.

Several students agreed that school staff members actually reside at the school.

"When I was in kindergarten I used to believe the principals lived at school," freshman Jenny Mason said.

"The thought crossed my mind," Shital Sheth, freshman, said, "because one day one of my teachers' hair looked like she had just woke up."

Recently it has been proven that teachers actually do have a life besides teaching, and, in reality, do not live solely at school. They have been spotted in public places such as fast food restaurants, shopping centers and, of course, movie theaters.

Marc England, senior, said, "I ran into Mr. Bond (a history teacher) at the Valparaiso cinema. He put his finger in my back as if he had a gun. I almost punched him out. I guess it was kind of embarrassing."

Freshman Dan Irvine said, "I see them (teachers) in Hook's Drugs a lot because my mom works there. When I see a teacher, I usually run because I don't want them to talk to my parents about how I'm doing."

Embarrassment can be a problem when teacher and student meet.

Jenny remarked, "If I'm in a store with my friends, depending on who the teacher is, I want to run a hide behind the cereal boxes! One time my sister screamed 'Mrs. Hall!' at a teacher I once had. The teacher looked and I just felt really embarrassed."

Shital added, "I saw an eighth grade teacher at the library and I just dodged her because I really didn't feel like talking to her!"

Some teachers have similar troubles.

"I see students at bowling alleys! I love to bowl and so do a lot of students," Mrs. Arlene Neill, English teacher said. "They are so good at it and I enjoy seeing them but I feel terrible when they look at my score. I also see a lot of them working at Costas and when I go Christmas shopping."



Mrs. Debra Heitmann is taking part in an aerobics class offered after school for faculty members to release tensions after a hard days work. The aerobics class was part of the new Wellness program for the teachers. (Evans photo)

Mrs. Anne Addis: Secretary of the Principal.
Ms. Bernita Adkins: Physical Education, Department Coordinator.

Mrs. Bonnie Albert: Mathematics.

Mr. John Alexander: English.

Mr. Walt Alexander: Counselor.

Mr. Don Alkins: Asst. Principal.
Mr. Marvin Allison: U.S. History; Basketball Coach.
Mr. Ken Altizer: JROTC.
Mrs. Kathy Anderson: Secretary.
Mrs. Jane Arden: Athletic Secretary.

Mrs. Louise Baker: Registrar.
Mr. Robert Beigh: Industrial Arts.
Mrs. Patricia Benson: English, Saga Sponsor.
Mrs. Eleanor Blakeley: Attendance Office Secretary.
Mrs. Sharon Blaszkiewicz: Music Department.





Mr. William Bodnar: Acting Speech.
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 Mr. Ronald Buls: Social Studies; Department Coordinator.
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 Mr. James Conway: Asst. Principal.
 Mr. Jason Cope: English.

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 Mr. James Douglas: Social Studies.
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 Ms. Christine Ellibach: Sociology; Economics.
 Ms. Lori Elwood: Mathematics; Pom Pon Sponsor.
 Mr. Dale Fadely: Science; Girls' Golf Coach; Girls' Track Coach.

Mrs. Sue Fitch: Mathematics.
 Mrs. Anne Frost: Mathematics; Cheerleading Sponsor.
 Mrs. Patty Garland: Prevocational Education.
 Mr. James Goetz: Mathematics.
 Mrs. Julie Goetz: Home Economics.

Mrs. Penny Gorgel: Guidance Secretary.
 Mr. Robert Gray: Science.
 Mr. James Green: Industrial Arts; Soccer Coach.
 Mr. Raymond Grivetti: Orchestra.
 Mr. Marvin Guernsey: Chemistry.

Mr. Andrew Halaschak: Attendance Officer.
Mr. Gilbert Hamilton: Business; Football Coach.
Mr. Ron Hancock: Government; Geography; Cadet Teaching; Student Council Adviser.
Miss Liz Hanlon: Special Education.
Mrs. Heidi Harbaugh: Home Economics.



Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht: German; German Club Sponsor.
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Mrs. Linda Hicks: Speech; Speech Team Sponsor.
Mr. Phil Hipskind: English.



Mr. Jay Hodges: Mathematics.
Mrs. Cathie Jacobs: English.
Mr. Lowell Johnson: Asst. Principal.
Mrs. Sue Jongsma: Media Center Clerk.
Mrs. Ella Karris: Para-Professional.



Mrs. Christine Kern: Mathematics.
Mr. Les Klein: Health; Asst. Athletic Director.
Mr. Joe Koss: Art; Photography Club Sponsor; Art Block Sponsor.
Miss Gerri Kotyuk: English; Cheerleading Coach; Pep Club Sponsor.
Miss Kathy Kotyuk: English; Cheerleading Coach; Pep Club Sponsor.



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Mrs. Judy Krieger: Child Development.
Miss Annette Kulmatycki: Art; Brush and Palette Club Sponsor.
Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz: English; Speech.
Mr. Jerry Lasky: Economics; JV Basketball Coach.



Miss Barb Ledyard: English.
Mr. Mike Lemond: Economics; Boys' Golf Coach; COIL.
Mrs. Donna Lenburg: Business.
Mr. Tom Levandoski: Physical Education; Baseball Coach.
Mrs. Clara Lilly: Health Aide.





Mrs. Shirley Lindquist: Business.
Mr. Michael Lipinski: Physical Education; Girls' Swim Coach.
Mr. Henry Looft: Science.
Mrs. Sara Lux: Guidance Counselor.
Mrs. Donna MacArthur: Business.



Mrs. Jill Mangold: English.
Mrs. Barbara Mason: English.
Mr. Richard Mason: Science; Boys' and Girls' Tennis Coach.
Mr. David Masty: Foreign Language; Social Studies.
Mr. Bob Mattix: Science; Football Coach; Basketball Coach.



Mr. James McCabe: Mathematics.
Mrs. Gail McDonald: JROTC Office.
Dr. George McKay: Asst. Supt. for Secondary Education.
Mrs. Sue McPherson: French; French Club Sponsor.
Miss Phyllis McVicker: Physical Education.



Mr. Dan Merrill: Health; Athletic Trainer.
Mr. Warren Miller: Choir.
Mrs. Tammy Minks: English.
Mrs. Lisa Moser: Prevocational Education.
Mr. Robert Mullen: Science.



Mr. Terrence Murphy: Business.
Mrs. Arlene Nell: English.
Mr. Dennis Norman: English; Speech.
Mr. David Ochoa: English.
Mrs. Sherry Ohlfest: English.



Mrs. Mary Oppman: Library Media Director.
Mrs. Debbie Ornes: Bookstore.
Mrs. Ruth Parks: Physical Education; Track Coach.
Mrs. Carry Parsons: Prevocational Education.
Mrs. Lori Pavell: Business.

Mr. Mike Pavell: Asst. Principal.
Mrs. Caren Prow: Physical Education; Girls' Gymnastics Coach.
Mr. Victor Raster: Marching Band; Lab Band; Pep Band Middle School Band; Middle Band.
Mr. Forrest Rhode: Principal.
Mrs. Marlene Rhode: Media Center.



Mrs. Sharon Rothe: Life Skills.
Mr. Jim Samuel: Asst. Principal.
Mr. Bill Schott: English.
Mr. Darryl Schultz: Mathematics.
Mrs. Kathy Shradar: Mathematics.



Mr. Ray Sifrig: Typing.
Mrs. Margie Slankowski: Business.
Mrs. Brighittette Snemis: Spanish.
Mr. Joe Sparacino: Mathematics.
Mrs. Mary Sparacino: Mathematics; Freshman Class Sponsor.



Miss Shirley Spellman: English; Academic Decathlon Coach; Superbowl Coach.
Mrs. Donna Stambaugh: Prevocational Education.
Mrs. Shella Stevenson: Guidance Counselor.
Mrs. Anne Strausbaugh: Secretary.
Mrs. Patricia B. Strawbridge: Science.



Mrs. Madeline Summers: Guidance Counselor.
Mr. Robert Symer: Symphonic Band; Jazz Band; Chairman of Music Department.
Mr. William Timmerman: Concert Band; Marching Band.
Mr. Charles Tomes: Mathematics.
Mrs. Laura Trembley: English.



Mrs. Gail Trobaugh: Prevocational Education Coordinator.
Mr. Martin Troglio: Vocational Education.
Mr. Pete Turpa: Social Studies.
Mrs. Renee Turpa: Prevocational Education; Girls' Basketball Coach.
Mrs. Paula Wiese: Art; Physical Education.





Mr. Robert Wilson: Mathematics.
Mrs. Judith Wilson: Custodian.
Mr. Yan Wolfman: Science.
Mrs. Donna Yaksle: Science.
Mrs. Dawn Yovanovich: Media Specialist.



Mr. Terry Hufford, Mrs. Glenda Owens, Mr. Richard Turnack, Mrs. Sally Olson, Mr. John Williams serve on the Portage Township Administration Board. They make decisions that affect the Portage Township School system. The Administration staff also honors special associations such as the National Merit Scholarship Society.

Teachers Remember Attack on Iraq

by Niki Scarbrough

On Jan. 16, 1991 the United States and other Allied forces attacked Iraq after Iraq refused to withdraw troops after the Aug. 2, 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

At first, Operation Desert Shield started out as a small crisis in the Persian Gulf. Most people did not want to believe that this would actually turn into a full blown war. Families and friends did not want to think about their loved ones turning into casualties. The country was in a state of denial. Then, when the Allied forces attacked Iraq, it turned into Operation Desert Storm. Operation Desert Storm brought the country back to reality.

Our mother land finally realized that it was in the process of making history. One of the 'in' questions around school for a while was, "What were you doing when you found out that Operation Desert Storm had begun?"

Many teachers came home and their spouse informed them that the war had broken out.

Mr. Mike Lemond said, "I had just returned home from the teacher's bowling league and my wife told me about the outbreak of the war in the Middle East."

Mrs. Linda Hicks had a rather interesting story. She had just walked into her house after instructing an aerobics class and her husband simply said, "It started."

Other faculty members were watching television when the war first started.

Mr. Ron Buls stated, "I was reading the newspaper and watching the news on television."

Mrs. Donna White has a rather complicated story. Mrs. White explained, "I was at home playing with my children. Also, I was watching channel 40. They did not announce that the war had begun. I called my brother in Tennessee. He told me that we were at war. I thought he was just joking around, but he was not."

Mrs. Gerri Kotyuk said, "I was watching a sitcom on channel nine. They broke into the television show and stated that Operation Desert

Storm had begun."

Mr. Les Klein and Mr. Greg Fisher also have a rather interesting story to tell. Mr. Fisher said "I was in a car on the way to the Gary's Old Timers Banquet with Mr. Rhode, Mr. Casbon, Mr. Alkire and Mr. Lundie. We stopped at a stop sign when they announced on the radio that Operation Desert Storm had begun."

Mr. Klein was taking tickets at the Gary's Old Timers Banquet when this guy came up to him and said, "Here the news? They just attacked." Mr. Klein thought "Oh my!"

One teacher happened to be at school when Operation Desert Storm began. Mrs. Patricia Strawbridge said, "I stayed late to prepare chemicals and equipment for some labs. I was doing what my students would be doing."

Mrs. Pamela Downard said, "I was taking a nap on the couch. When I woke up, they were announcing that Operation Storm had begun."

Mr. James Guzikowski was asleep when Operation Desert Storm began. He said, "A person called and said we were at war!"

Highway 6

says:

"Involvement in Theatricals and stage productions has given me both an insight into theatre work and a chance to create lasting friendships," said John (JP) Pritchard, senior.

During "Back to School Night" Brenda Bellar senior, performs the last pose of the Choralier routine, "Lift Up Your Eyes." (Miller photo)



Satisfaction comes with work; clubs find fun and friends

by Kristine Rea

Never satisfied with simply drifting along with the current, the clubs and organizations of PHS can boast of a virtual waterfall of achievements.

Two of the many unsung victors of PHS are the Spellbowl team and the English Superbowl team. Both of these studious groups of individuals had a profitable year, and after placing in Duneland Conference and the Regionals, they proceeded to state competitions.

Spanish Club, NHS and Quill and Scroll were only a few groups to visit Chicago. Many groups ventured into the city to do anything from attending baseball games to going shopping.

Because of their expensive ventures,

PHS clubs found that fundraising was a very important part of their activities. Many creative, as well as traditional methods were used in the mad rush for money. To procure funds for their activities, NHS used their computer dating service and donut sales. The morning sale of sweets was not used solely by NHS, groups such as COLA, FCA, Math Club, and COOP also took advantage of the PHS sweet tooth. It was a busy year full of concerts, plays and competitions for the clubs on Highway 6.

At the Foreign Language Honor Society induction ceremony Jessica Minton, Caleb Marcinkovich, sophomores, and Sean Holland, junior, patiently await their entrance into this elite group. (Jones Photo)

Junior Amy Bell patiently wrestles with her permanent marker to try to get just one more letter out of it. Being secretary of the Math Club, she took special responsibility in preparing the club's homecoming week display. (Rea photo)







Student Council Officers-Front Row: Mr. Ron Hancock, Adviser, Kyle Swerdon, Sherry Geumsey, Dina Fessler, Milo Johnson. **Row 2:** Ronald Lester Alleman, Michelle Roque, Angie Foster, Chris Schaffer. **Row 3:** Candi Medesto, Ron Stanely, Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Greta Rondinelli. **Row 4:** Tracy Brown, Leslie DeLeon, Nicole Mangene, Dan Vincent.



Student Council Representatives and Honorary Members-Front Row: Leveta Crowell, Caryn Peterson, Carrie Gagna, Christy Gregorash, Chris Belcher, Michelle Fallon, Kathleen Dujmovich, Ljordenc, A.J. Monroe, Roger Peek. **Row 2:** Debbie Magura, Tasha Reese, Christine Mirick, Tanya Shubat, Leanne Shukitts, Amy Stanely, Trinity Brinda, Julie Rhody, Jodi Ozbolt, Melanie Peda, Sheri Conrick. **Row 3:** Carla R. Teso, Heather Hedstrom, Rachel Mahns, Rebecca Hess, Terri Gingerich, Marilyn Evans, Kim Bono, Dave Jennings, Brian Forst. **Row 4:** Michelle Morgan, Wendy Nelson, John Gonzalles, Gabe Soukup, Jill Ziemer, Sandy Aleman, Leslie Crockett, Evette Sanchez, Tanya Kirchner.



At the fall Homecoming pep session, seniors Brian Reed, Marc England, Jim Nelson and Jean Plunkett, the Indian Mascot, rally school spirit.



Junior Ronnie Stanely received the Most Valuable Junior award at the Student Council Banquet on Monday, May 6, 1991.



Pep Club-Front Row: Sherry Guernsey, Kelli Mattix, Jody Foster, Michelle Roque, Mike Thorne, Jennifer Gilbert, Holly Hostetler, Laura Alkire. **Row 2:** JoLynn Rambo, Jamie Verboon, Niki Garavalia, Heather Smith, Ljubica Djordjevic, Kelly Nabhan, Kathy Dujmovich, Joanna Hiltzley, Heather Hegadus. **Row 3:** Shannon Smith, Lisa Vogan, Erin Lambert, Kyle Swerdon, Karen Nach, Carrie Gagna, Jenny Ozbolt. **Row 4:** Liz Shield, Dawn Canzano, Debbie Jeddome, Amy Stanley, Heather Moore, Tammy Lemean. **Row 5:** Mindy Uhles, Maggie Bedroya, Monica Overturf, Merrie Noble, Gretchen Matowski.



Senior Milo Johnson, Junior Chad Kesnar, and senior Sean Boyd participate in the dance contest at the Bedrock Lock-In on Friday and Saturday, Apr. 26-27, 1991. The trio won first place for group. **(Crosslin photo)**

Importance of Inner Self and Outer Environment

by Kristine Rea

Between the packed meetings of motivated participants and the energetic activities of spirit filled support teams, PHS students are making a difference.

Sophomore representative Gretchen Westerkamp said Student Council tried to help out some of the disadvantaged members of the community through its participation in the Thanksgiving food drive during which over 16,000 cans were collected and through Secret Pal/ Toys for Tots.

Not satisfied with simply obtaining food, Student Council furthered their aid in other ways.

Dina Fessler, senior and Student Council vice president, said, "We also traveled to many senior citizen homes and we participated in a recycling program."

Senior Angie Foster said pep club also helped the community through the city recycling program according to

These dedicated members didn't just make an effort to improve their surroundings, they also took

the opportunities available to expand on their own relationships and encounter new ideas.

Dina said, "I've attended many conferences that have made a major impact on my life. I went to four Student Council state conventions and also attended a national convention in Portland, Oregon. I love making new friends."

Junior Amy Stanley said she felt so exhilarated when she and the other Pep Club members cheered their hearts out at the Regional Basketball game.

"I'll always cherish the wonderful friendships I've forged through my Pep Club involvement," said senior Kelli Mattix, Pep Club vice president.

"My freshman year, I won the most valuable freshman Student Council award which made me feel great and inspired me to go as far as I could go in Student Council," said junior Ronnie Stanelly, junior class president.

"I think Student Council taught me to lead and I will always use what I learned in the future," Dina said.

Facts and Info.

- Marching Band consisted of 131 people.
- Mr. Victor Racster, replacing Mr. Richard York, led the band to a second division rating in the district competition.
- Marching Band performed at the Popcorn Festival and the July 4 parade in LaPorte.



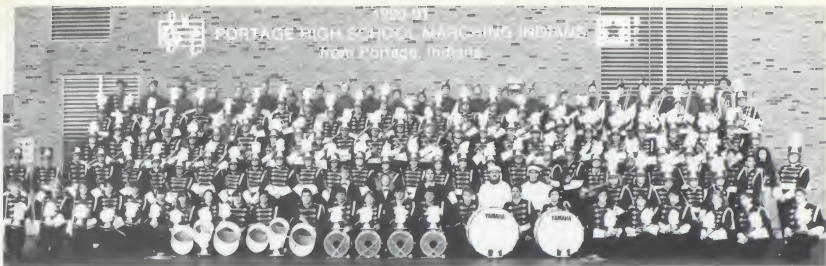
Drum majors Darren Schmidt, junior, and Lisa Dickerson, senior, lead the Marching Band down the track after the game on the way to the band room. (Jones photo)



Mr. Victor Racster points out the importance of timing in Marching Band. Racster was new this year for Marching Band and Indianettes after former director Mr. Richard York resigned. (Miller photo)

Lana Smith, sophomore, and Michelle Hoover, freshman, read their music and keep in step with the rest at the Homecoming Game. The band also performed at the Popcorn Festival this year. (Crosslin photo)





Marching Band and Indianettes—Front Row: Becky Cahillane, Micka Jenkins, Christy Neyhart, Kendra Miller, Beth Shurman, Elizabeth Gaines, Dana Cobb, Stephanie Vincent, Barb Thorn, Gritzel Villanueva, Jason Nohr, Garth Miller, Geoff Williams, Jason Aloia, Ryan Jones, Todd Willis, Rich Hardin, Katie Beckham, Pam Moise, Laura Siegel, Kelly Blaszkewicz, Melanie Marsden, Cindy Valenti, Amber Sobczak. **Row 2 (seated):** Darren Schmidt, Lisa Dickerson, Chris Taggart, Director William Timmerman, Director Victor Racster, Laurie Hincley, Shannon Pierce, Megan Smith, Melissa Martin, Julie Cable. **Row 2 (standing):** Tina Kingle, Dawn Christman, Jennifer Schuler, Stephanie Ryanley, Becky Foust, Wendy Schafer, Brandy Retherford, Marcia Deterline, Erica Martinez, Tammy Szymanski, Elizabeth Pierce, Tracy Westlerth, Lana Smith, Jennifer Pardub, Becky Deterline, Nicole Goetschel, Cindy Burkhardt, Chandra Hase, Rachel Glancy, Josie Gutierrez, Jason Owens, Bruce Salvage, Crystal Torres, Vicki Carr, Terry Balash, Heather Griffith, Sandy Samardzja, Sue Mivell, Kris Koughn, Marilyn Evans, Michelle Hoover. **Row 3:** Crystal Henderson, Joe Ott, Julie Appelhagen, Eric Hiemstra, Priscilla Espinosa, Danie Nobles, James Patek, Angie Sherbit, Michelle Curtis, Shawn Enstrom, Mike Villanueva, Jason Renner, David Kellogg, Kurt Gilmore, Jim Meyer, Ange Lewandowski, Mike Lipsky, Matt Wise, David Hill, Bryce Pickering, David Leyba, Dana Wellman, Ben Brayko, Dan Gae, Jim Campbell, Maria McGill. **Row 4:** Jennifer Johns, Melissa Bank, Teresa Gangrich, Dan Vincent, John Sza, Sean Fingerhott, Ramon Ayala, Josh Jordan, Heather Green, Heather Reno, Jennifer Voll, John Vacklavik, Jody Atskalnis, Jessica Shreve, Kris Fort, Nathaniel Chaddock, Derek Trinosky, Bridget Nelson, Brian Chadwick, John Shaw, Bill Kehoe, Ken Hitchcock, Bryan George, Vince Davis. **Row 5:** Dave Putman, Shawnee Rouse, Jamie Joseph, Michele Cole, Denise Cole, Aimee Cornick, Vickie Perez, Misty Curtis, Stacy Terry, Kim Bono, Erica Moats, Teisha Chavez, Jennifer Blaszkewicz, Brandy McKittrick, Danele Pickering, Heather Maliziola, Kim Waters, Stacy Scott, Amy Doewping, Joanna Linsmeir, Joyce Wilson, Jennifer Smith, Brian Fort.

Learning the Routine

by Vicky Machin and Jean Plunkett

When the Marching Band comes out to perform on the football field, they make it all look easy.

Keeping your head held high and playing your instrument in tune is not always as easy as it looks. The Marching Band was best known for its performances before and during halftime of home football games. The Indianettes were best known for their performances during half time and before home games for both football and basketball.

This all took a lot of practice and hard work. Keeping in step, playing well, and not dropping flags and rifles took several hours of dedicated work.

"I practice a half an hour or more each day," Teisha Chavez, sophomore Indianette said. "Over the summer I practice at least over an hour, usually more." Teisha is the first baton-twirler to be in Indianettes.

During the school year there were two and a half hour practices on Thursdays, and sometimes ad-

ditional rehearsals were called if necessary. In June there was a week-long drumline and Indianettes camp which lasted for two and a half hours per night. The entire band attended camp the week before July 4. Those practices were also two and a half hours long. Two weeks before school started the Marching Band and Indianettes practiced from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Victor Racster was a new instructor this year and had different methods of teaching from former director Mr. Richard York. "I think it was highly commendable that Mr. Racster could come and take charge after the sudden resignation of our previous director. He has this way of inspiring us and giving us the confidence we need," Darren said.

Being in Marching Band and Indianettes gave people a sense of belonging and a feeling of teamwork and cooperation. With a lot of hard work and effort they made half-time and home games more enjoyable for the fans on the stands and created more spirit for the teams at the games.

Facts and info.

JROTC had its second annual Orientation Ceremony May 13-18.

JROTC had their Awards Night on May 29. Students were awarded ribbons, medals and given their last promotions.

The annual Birthday Ball took place Nov. 10. There was a ceremony and dance.



Scarlet Knights-Front Row: Aaron Landrum, Tenna Bradley, Roberto Leon. **Row 2:** Mark Scott, Robert Rodriguez, Jeremy Puente, Jason Schad. **Row 3:** Chastity McWhirter, Steve Henning, Chuck Cooley, Ken Heyse, Chris Chelich. (Crosslin Photo)



The Annual Birthday Ball awarded the JROTC members with their promotions. Danielle Glenn receives her promotion from Major White.

Showing pride for their country, the girl's drill team gives another of their outstanding performances. (Miller Photo)





JROTC Drill Team-Front Row: Roberto Leon, Aurora Agostini, Chrissy Ciendaniel, Leslie Blackwell, Kristin Walker, Ruth Creech, Tenna Bradley, Elsa Chavarria. **Row 2:** Stacey Smith, Maribel Ortiz, Wendy Radic, Karen Shay, Erin Landrum, Amanda Akers, Tamara Smith-Boltze, Casey Lanier. **Row 3:** Krisy Boroff, Tanyana Dick, Nicky Puckett, Rob Rodriguez, Steve Henning, Jeremy Puente, Jeff Root, Shawn Bough, Jason Schad. **Row 4:** Jennifer Letter, Mark Scott, Tim Bennett, Scott Heyse, Chris Chelich, Ken Heyse, Chuck Cooley, Chastity McWhirter. (Crosslin Photo)



Golden Knights-Front Row: Christina Boruff, Christy Ciendaniel, Leslie Blackwell, Kristin Walker. **Row 2:** Nicky Puckett, Maribel Ortiz, Wendy Radic, Amanda Akers, Tamara Smith-Boltze. **Row 3:** Tanyana Dick, Tim Bennett, Karen Shay, Shawn Baugh, Ken Heyse, Chris Chelich. (Crosslin Photo)

Learning the Values of Life in the Future

by Michele Clark

If you are a person who can discipline yourself, respect others in a mature way and maybe even have the qualities to be a great leader, then maybe the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp, JROTC, is for you. Besides just being an organization, these students are very dedicated to what they do.

Danielle Lowenthal, sophomore, said, "It is a great place to learn how you as a person want to live. I think that it teaches everyone discipline, leadership and above all else maturity."

"By looking at people who are in JROTC I can just see how disciplined they are. I have some of the JROTC members in a few of my classes and you could tell in the way they act that they are very well disciplined," sophomore Joe Davis, said.

Jennifer Fluck, freshman, said, "This is my first year in it and I'm so glad I made the choice to be a member. I learned a lot about topics, ranging from guns to the

inner-self."

There were many events that took place this year, but there are two that are very memorable. The first one took the drill teams to Daytona Beach, Florida for the national drill competition.

Leslie Blackwell, sophomore, says, "I'm in JROTC and the one thing I'm most proud of is the drill teams, because we are very dedicated and you can see that in the performances. And we all get along great."

Another event took about forty members of the JROTC to Little Creek, Virginia. This trip was to give them an experience in a military environment. They were given the opportunity to stay on an actual base.

Jason Schad, sophomore, said, "JROTC teaches those who are in it many things. It teaches you somewhat the basics of life. For the most part, it is a fun course, as long as you participate. It is also a doing course, you can't just sit back and relax. We're just like a big family."



Freshman Cheerleaders-Front Row: Amy Hitzley, Dee Dee Rodriguez, Melissa Villanueva. **Row 2:** Candi Modesto, Leslie Crockett, Holly Misecko, Tanya Kirchner.

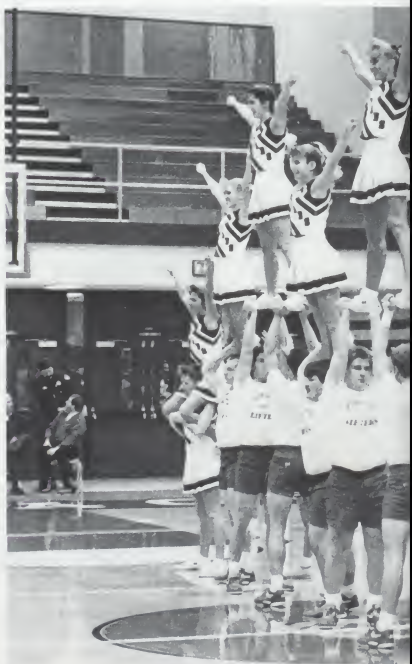


JV Cheerleaders-Front Row: Tanya Summerfield, Heather Hegedus, Jennifer Gilbert, Stacie Cook. **Row 2:** Laura Alkire, Andrea Hoover, Holly Hostettler, JoAnna Hitzley.



Pom Poms-Row 1: Liz Shield, Jenny Ozbolt, Erin Lambert, Shannon Smith, Monica Martinez. **Row 2:** Dawn Canzano, Debbi Beddome, Heather Moore, Amy Stanley, Merri Noble, Tammy Lehman. **Row 3:** Gretchen Miestowski, Lisa Vogan, Karen Flach, Kyle Swerdon, Carrie Gagna, Sherry Guemsey. (Miller photo)

During the Hobart game, the lifters raised the cheerleaders into a pyramid to show their spirit. (Miller photo)





Varsity Cheerleaders-Row 1: Heather Smith, Jamie Verboon, Kelli Mattix, Michelle Roque, Nild Garavalia. **Row 2:** Angie Foster, Ljubica Djordjevic, JoLynn Rambo, Kelly Nabhan, Kathleen Dujmovich.



Lifters-Front Row: Andy Scholebo, William Price. **Row 2:** Bryan Read, Bill Wilson, Jason Phillips.



Keeping the Crowd Alive

by Vicky Machin and Jean Plunkett

Running out in front of the crowd once again, she tries her hardest to keep a big smile on her face and the optimism level high. She knows she must concentrate on keeping the freezing fans on the bleachers alive and enthusiastic. Despite the score she always seems to keep the school spirit high. This is what a cheerleader or pom is — enthusiastic and school-spirited.

Other people said that they do help the crowd out.

"I'm sure we do live up to the crowd a little bit. Without us we would have a dead crowd," senior lifter Andy Scholebo said.

Tracy Bernard, sophomore, agreed, "The cheerleaders and poms should be credited for a lot of the crowd's enthusiasm and spirit."

In the past years many students have asked if cheerleading should be considered a sport. Andy Lemanski, senior, said, "The cheerleaders and poms should be considered part of a sport because they do quite a bit of acrobatics

and aerobics during their routines."

Some students disagreed. "I would call it a sport if the cheerleaders did special flips and special pyramids, but I don't think they do," junior Kim Boland contradicted.

"Most of the stereotypes of cheerleaders and poms are based on what they see of how they act and not of how they really are," sophomore pom Monica Martinez commented.

No matter what people think of them, cheerleaders and poms still say that they're out there to keep the crowd alive and to have fun. Michelle Roque, senior cheerleader, said, "There is a lot of work put into being a cheerleader. During the summer we have practices starting at 7 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. These practices continue throughout the year."

Although the controversy may continue for years, the cheerleaders and poms will always be in front of crowds having fun and enjoying themselves.

Facts and Info.

- Symphonic Band performed at a Christmas Concert Dec. 18, 1990 in the auditorium. They performed "Navy Hymn," "A Christmas Bell Fantasy," "A Christmas Festival," and "O Come Emanuel."
- Symphonic Band was involved with the other orchestras and bands at the Solo and Ensemble contest Jan. 26, 1991.



Symphonic Band Woodwinds-Front Row: Marcia Dettlerline, Gina Gesmond, Melanie Marsden, Cindy Valenti, Laurie Hinkley, Jennifer Bunk. **Row 2:** Laura Siegel, Kristy Swan, Melanie Thompson, Angie Hatfield, Christie Estes, Tracey Westforth, Heather Rogers, Lisa Dickerson. **Row 3:** Kendra Miller, Jen Schafer, Kelly Blaszkiewicz, Barb Thorne, Heather Green, Sigrid Fisher, Ryan Sonntag, Tanya Shubat. **Row 4:** Jerzy Walker, Stephanie Byarlay, Pam Moise, Rich Hardin, John Vlacovic, Dan Marcotte, John Adamski, Dave Timmons, Tasha Reese.



Dave Hill, sophomore, concentrates on his music while practicing a piece for Symphonic Band. (Rusnak Photo)



Watching their music intently, senior Kelly Blaszkiewicz, and juniors Tasha Reese, Laura Siegel and Angie Hatfield play their flutes in Symphonic Band. (Rusnak Photo)



Symphonic Band Brass-Front Row: David Leyba, Dann Gue, Danielle Lynch, Teresa Achten, Bonnie Perrine, Bryce Pickering, Angie Sherbit. **Row 2:** Dan Vincent, Chris Taggart, Drake Blinco, Darren Schmidt, Tim Stahl, Dave Hill. **Row 3:** Nathaniel Chaddock, Ken Hitchcock, Dan Sisco, Jordan Hurst, Jim Demmon, Dave Putman, Josh Jordan.



Symphonic Band Percussion-Front Row: Stephanie Vincent, Grisel Villanueva, Mike Belt. **Row 2:** Jason Alsmann, Garth Miller, Ryan Jones.



ISSMA Tests Students' Musical Abilities

by Gina Gesmond
and Vicky Machin

Sleepless nights, restless days and never-ending hours of tension occupied the lives of Portage High School music students as contest day approached.

The Indiana State High School Music Association (ISSMA) competition has been held at Portage High School for over six years.

In the ISSMA contest students play a solo or an ensemble for judges and compete solely against themselves.

"First I try to determine and learn the style of the music I pick, and then I play it through so that I can concentrate on the parts that I need to work on. From there, I work the measures individually, and then finally, I practice the whole piece and memorize," freshman Leslie Crockett said in regard to preparation for contest.

Band members also spend great amounts of time in preparation for ISSMA.

Junior Melanie Marsden commented, "I look at this contest very seriously and spend a lot of time

practicing."

Other students choose not to compete at all.

"I don't go to contests anymore because I get too nervous," freshman Heather Baugh said.

Students can still be involved in ISSMA as door guards or judges' assistants even if they don't compete.

Students gain a lot of experience from Symphonic Band. Sophomore Kendall Hitchcock has been playing the trombone for five years. He learned that, "if you don't practice you won't play to your best ability." Kendall found the ISSMA contest exciting and very rewarding.

Playing at contests and festivals can be very exhilarating and fun, but it takes a lot of practice and hard work to do it well. The Symphonic Band showed how much hard work they had put into their music at the ISSMA contests.

"We are very proud to be able to have such an elite competition at Portage High School," commented Symphonic Band Director Robert Symer.



Lab Band 1 Flutes and Percussion-Front Row: Melissa Martin, Vicki Carr, Crystal Frizzell, Karl Vrska, Christy Snellgrove, Christy Neyhart. **Row 2:** Robby Eyerman, Terri Balash, Shannon Young, Natalie Bellar, Katie Beckham, Brandy McKittrick. **Row 3:** Dana Cobb, Tawnie Whitten, Deanna Hall, Rob Gorski, Elmore Mundell, Shawn Enstrom.



Lab Band 1 Clarinets-Front Row: Brandy Retherford, Kelly Cool, Jeanna Manna, Becky Detterline, Cindy Burkhardt. **Row 2:** Becky Foust, Patti Pointer, Rachael Glancy, Jason Collins, Tammy Syzmanski, Kristy McKaw. **Row 3:** Teresa Fee, Melissa Miller, Josie Gutierrez, Beth Wells, Scott McConnell, Leslie Pelot, Dawn Christman.



Lab Band 2-Front Row: Julie Cable, Michelle Curtis, Dana Wellman, Megan Smith, Priscilla Espinoza, Marilyn Evans, Tina Riegle, Heather Reno, Tony Galati. **Row 2:** Becky Cahillane, Jenny Parduhn, Nikki Anderson, Tina Bacon, Julie Applehagen, Sandy Samardzija, Wendy Schafer, Satin Heroux, Jamie Miles, Dan Allen. **Row 3:** Jim Meyer, Bryan George, Didi Rodriguez, Dan Stamper, Sean Fingerhoot, Jeff Burk, Kelly Coppinger, Jenny Vogt, Cheryl Fain, Jessica Frencl, Joe Carrasco, Amber Sobczak. **Row 4:** Ryan Ashby, Mike Kniola, Jason Renner, David Kellog, Jason Trinks, John Szabo, John Silva, Josh Cavan, Mike Uporski, Jessica Shreve, Erica Alicea, Heather Baugh, Susan Dicken, Jennifer Blaskowicz, Michelle Hoover, Rachael Hutman, Bridget Hutman, Bridget Nelson, Frank Brunken, Bill Kehoe.

Robert Ortiz and Josh Puente, freshmen, keep an eye on their music for Lab Band 1. This year Freshman Band was changed into two Lab Bands-Lab Band 1 and Lab Band 2. (Miller Photo)





Lab Band 1 Brass-Front Row: Brian Essary, Kristie Hill, Richard Vandervort, Angie Lewandowski, Nate Burgess, Marcia McGill. **Row 2:** Matt Witte, Mike Pence, Tom Baldrige, Chris David, Adam Sanchez. **Row 3:** Dan Harrell, Mike Villeneuve, Robert Ortiz, James Platek, Ben Wilson, Josh Puente.



Lab Band 1 Sax-Front Row: Daniele Pickering, Crystal Henderson, Dusty Caudill, David Mottlinger. **Row 2:** Crystal Torres, Troy Gnat, Jason Oness, Amanda Chessor, Kelly Sisco. **Row 3:** Derek Falls, Ted Frazier, Cory Putman, David Brooks, Bruce Selva, Paul Christman.



Freshman Band Adapts to Change

by Vicky Machin and Jean Plunkett

Ranging from new teachers to new classes, PHS was always going through changes. This year the Freshman Band of 1990 was changed to the Lab Band of 1991.

Mr. Robert Symer, the director of Freshman Band said that the class was changed to Lab Band to keep together students according to their abilities instead of their grade. "This should cause improvement in their playing," he explained.

Danille Nobles, freshman saxophone player in Lab Band 1, said, "I like the way the Freshman Band is now because this way the band you're in is determined by your ability and potential instead of your age."

Angie Lewandowski, freshman, agrees. "This is a good arrangement because the better players go to the higher bands and if you don't practice you won't get better."

Some students disagreed. Marcia McGill, freshman commented, "I don't like the band now

because when a freshman beats an upperclassman out of his chair he gets jealous."

"I do not feel it is fair to the upperclassmen who have to stay in the lab band. It does not let some people have a chance to play up to their potential," freshman Becky Dettlerline commented.

"In most cases it seems to be the right thing to do, but many students don't agree with where they are placed," Symer explained.

Some students like band and plan to continue. "I plan on continuing band because I hope to attend an arts college and either teach music or dancing," Natalie Bellar, freshman, explained.

"I would maybe like to be a guitarist in a rock band," freshman Mike Pence commented.

Marcia explained that she would like to become a beginning trumpet teacher.

Other students don't plan to do anything with music in their career, but have discovered that they learn a lot by being involved. "I learned that everyone is just as nervous as me," Angie said.



Concert Band Percussion-Front Row: Elizabeth Gaines, Jessica Balding, Geoff Williams. **Row 2:** Dave Robertson, Brian Austin, Jason Nohr, Mike Kendall.



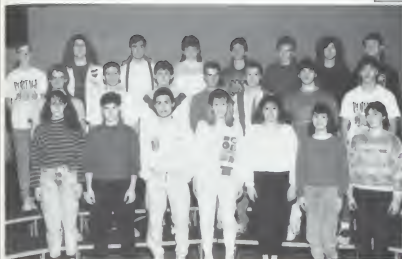
Concert Band Brass-Front Row: Angie Sherbit, John Arredondo, Vince Walker, Ben Bracki, Derek Trinosky, Christina Koughn, Teresa Gingerich. **Row 2:** Melissa Bunk, John Shaw, Jim Campbell, Ramon Ayala, John Silva, Jennifer Johns. **Row 3:** Chris Howell, Brian Forst, Jason Bruzek, Vince Davis, Steve Shaw, Kris Forst, Kurt Gilmore.



Concert Band Woodwinds-Front Row: Vicky Ortiz, Stephanie Schmidt, Erika Martinez, Chandra Hasse, Lana Smith, Tanya Beach, Lisa Clark, Jayme Bennell. **Row 2:** Debora Pomales, Louis Bain, Jodi Auskalnis, Elizabeth Pierce, Chuck Teel, Nicole Goetschel, Beth Shurman. **Row 3:** Chad Beatty, Kelli Koleck, Joe Ort, Heather Griffith, Shannon Pierce, Ryan Churchill, Stacey Ailes, Jennifer Volk. **Row 4:** Jim Pullins, Mark Roop, Tom Rospieski, Shane Bolde, Tim Brown, Willy Djordjevic, Mike Laurin, Randy Hatchett, Jeremy Sarver.

Jason Berry, junior, and Ryan Jones, senior, both watch Jason Altsman, junior, keep up the beat on the drums in Jazz Band. (Miller photo)





Jazz Band-Front Row: Jen Volk, Dan Gue, David Leyba, Bonnie Perrine, Jody Auskalnis, Desiree Morales, Angie Sherbit. **Row 2:** John Shaw, Mark Roop, Mike Uporsky, Ryan Sonntag, Todd Willis, Jason Alzman, Chris Howell. **Row 3:** Ken Hitchcock, Jason Berry, Steve Shaw, Curtis Hamilton, Rich Hardin, Darren Schmidt, Drake Blinco, Ryan Jones.



Jazz Band-Front Row: Heather Green, Garth Miller, Dave Putman, Dan Vincent, Kendra Miller, Jerry Walker. **Row 2:** Jeremy Sarver, Nathaniel Chaddock, John Hall, Sean Holland, Brian Chadwick. **Row 3:** John Vavlick, Mike Steve Dan Sisco, Mark Robbins, Jim Demmon, Jordan Hurst.



The Sound of Music

by Jean Plunkett and Vicky Machin

Pick a nice seat in the auditorium, lean back, relax and enjoy the music. The Jazz and Concert Bands both produce a mixture of music to listen to, but whoever thought about what happens offstage?

Staying in band can be difficult at times, but students find reasons to stick with it. Sophomore Stephanie Schmidt, a flute player in Concert Band said, "I stuck with band because of Mrs. Pierce's influence on my playing. She helped me gain confidence."

"I stayed in Concert Band to get the experience of playing different selections of music," sophomore Derek Trinoski said. Derek plays the trombone, baritone and the tuba.

Although some people liked band just as a hobby, others would like to make a profession out of music. Drake Blinco, a senior trumpet player in Jazz Band would like to do just that. "I hope to be a professional musician when I become older, or maybe a music teacher," Drake said.

Playing an instrument in a band was also a great learning experience. Drake learned that music and life coincide with each other. Stephanie learned "even if you don't reach your goal, you'll always learn something from the experience."

Jazz and Concert Band went to many contests and concerts. Concert Band played at spring graduation and a Christmas concert on Dec. 18. They also had solo and ensemble contests with the orchestra and choir. Jazz Band played in Bloomington Jan. 15-16. "Bloomington was very interesting. There's a lot more people in Jazz Band than I thought there were."

The Concert Band performed in a concert on Feb. 5 with the Symphonic Band. The Jazz Band played at a concert Nov. 20, and they went to a contest on March 2.

A lot goes into being in band. People practice for hours to be good enough for ISSMA contests. Many of those that stayed with it say that they get a lot out of it and are glad they worked so hard.



Symphonic Orchestra-Front Row: Betsy Blaha, Lisa Osterkamp, Shelly Matteson, Amy Gregorash, Jennifer Sworden, Jennifer Chapman. **Row 2:** Marcia Dettlerline, Christy Haines, Vicki Sims, Cari Cotner, Jenna Mitchell, JoAnna Hitzley, Theresa O'Neill. **Row 3:** Bob Findley, Heather Green, Karen Flach, Anita Rubalcava, Ann Marie Andros, Todd Willis. **Row 4:** Angela Sherbit, Joy Reber, Nathaniel Chaddock, Jason Phillips, Mark Robbins, Steve Manwaning, Ken Nickos, Craig Garrison.



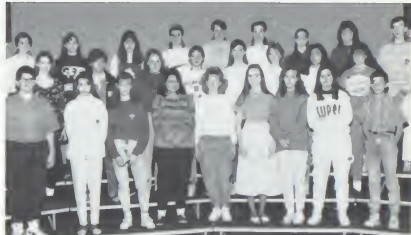
Symphonic Orchestra-Front Row: Jennifer Carrasco, Tiffany Soto, Tanya Summerfield, Misty Curtis, Amy Simola, Vanessa Dornbey, Heather Hedstrom, Tania Tavernier. **Row 2:** Angie Norman, Sarah Latham, Carrie Varner, Marsha Raico, Tammy Mitchell, Kim Daniel, Freeda Psihogios, Tammy Daghy. **Row 3:** Mary Kilgore, Leslie Crockett, Geoff Williams, Shannon Cable, Jarret Spence, Erin Phillips, Ted Haraminac, Lora Phegley, Tina Lerose. **Row 4:** Dan Shoppa, Ben Lauper, John McLean, Chris Bradford, Dennis Schiller, Pam Moise, Jeff Juszcak, Tina Ayers.



Juniors Christi Haines and Vicki Sims carry their cellos down the hall to play at the Dec. 5 Christmas concert in the auditorium. (Miller Photo)

Freshman Jason Renner warms up in the orchestra room for the pre-contest concert April 9. Orchestra played at the ISSMA Organizational Contest hosted by PHS. (Rusnak Photo)





Concert Orchestra-Front Row: Sheila Lynch, Shelly Pittman, Bridget Nelson, Mike Rogers, Priscilla Espinosa. **Row 2:** Jason Renner, Candy Carter, Aimee Deliotte, Holly Miles, Jennifer Godin, Kristen Schumacher. **Row 3:** Amy Vukovich, Michelle Hoover, Anita Rubalcava, Mandy Stanko, Susan Dicken, Michelle Forney, Amy Tucker.

Concert Orchestra-Front Row: Curtis Bledsoe, Katina O'Neil, Tracy Franchville, Victoria Sanchez, Tina Bacon, Michelle Buchner, Collette Berbesque, Amber Chavez, Pedro Claudio. **Row 2:** Jennifer Mantz, Geoffrey Jacobs, Rosemary Jemimenko, Dan Irvine, Elizabeth Gaines, Jodi Smith, Martha Gonzalez, Courtney Raico. **Row 3:** Karen Cubison, Susan Dravet, Michelle Lyon, Steve Christian, Hiram Sizemore, Joel Lach, Jill Gibson, Lisa Hansen, Christopher Payne.

Competition, Goals and Learning All in One

by Shannon Cable

With one of the largest orchestras in the state, one might expect the symphonic orchestra to be one of the best. The symphonic orchestra did fit up to that standard.

For the first time, the orchestra was invited to play at the Indiana Music Educators Association State Convention, held at the in the Grand Ballroom in the Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis, but due to weather conditions, they were unable to attend. This year the orchestra was also invited to play at several social events, such as a Christmas luncheon for the community council. The luncheon was held at Woodland Park.

The orchestra for the fifth year was also invited to play at Super State, held at Perry Meridian High School, the biggest contest for a music organization. Out of eight orchestras at Super State, the symphonic orchestra placed eighth.

The orchestra had many goals to accomplish this year, ranging from getting a first at state contest to getting good grades. Many mem-

bers set personal goals. Dennis Schiller, sophomore, said, "I want to get better than a 'C'."

Vanessa Dornbey, sophomore, had a goal that was more organization-orientated than others. She said, "I want to place in the top 3 orchestras in the state."

Junior Tammy Mitchell's goal was achieved. Her goal was to make it to Super State.

Mr. Raymond Grivetti set many goals. He said, "I want them to do their best at all times. They set their own list of goals at the beginning of the year, including getting a first division rating at state with one 7 [a perfect score]."

Members also learn something from orchestra. Junior Mark Robbins said, "It exposes me to new music."

Jarret Spence, senior, said, "It has taught me responsibility."

Junior Ben Luaper, said, "I have learned to work for a common goal."

Dennis, who learned something a little different from the rest of the members, said, "It has taught me how to count from 1 to 4."



Symphonic Choir Red Stock-Front Row: Rae Marie Hall, Lisa Zielinski, Melissa Berman, Angela Ott, Julie Ham, Tammy Parks, Debbie Bliss, Maggie Bedroya, Shannon Smith. **Row 2:** Kayce Perkins, Melanie Marsden, Mandy Reid, Megan Donelli, John Arredondo, Jawad Javed, Jerry Truax, Steve Essany, Jennifer Cuvo, Joella Singleton, Jodi Wahlman, Mr. Warren Miller (Director). **Row 3:** Kristina Matlock, Laura Siegal, Dawn Haddon, Matt Witte, Dan Vincent, Shannon Combs, Ben Brajck, Brenda Miller, Cari Cotner, Teresa Cunningham, Angie Wells. **Row 4:** Samantha Essig, Michelle Hooper, Marcy Miller, Larry Siegal, John Creasy, Mike Kalina, George Walker, Bob Tifford, James Platek, Shannon Bogucki, Dawn Walker.



Concert Choir White Stock-Front Row: Treva Doll, Megan Smith, Angela Ott, Marcia McGill, Corie Donelli, Angie Coe, Trica Labus, Desi Morales, Melissa Moris, Angie Shadrix. **Row 2:** Mr. Warren Miller (Director), Christy Neyhart, Tara Hoots, Mandy Mendoza, Mike Pence, Shannon Combs, Jason Berman, Kristi Evans, Joanna Linsmeier, Tracy Barnard. **Row 3:** Amie Thacker, Brenda Miller, Tracy Noffsinger, Joanna New, Jeff Miller, Tim Manteuffel, Chris Miller, John Farris, Jennie Cox, Dawn Eaton, Jen Mocabey, Jennifer Bates. **Row 4:** Missy Martin, Amber Sobczak, Emily Smith, Deborah Hill, Missy Cardenas, Joey Matlock, Bob Kirk, Jason Barnard, Dennis Cook, Debbie Noffsinger, Vanessa Murrow, Christina Byers, Carrie Moyer, Nikki Szmuto.



Freshmen Tuesday Barnes, Kristi Evans and Jeff Miller practice their songs in preparation for performances in Concert Choir. The Concert Choir performed at a Christmas Concert Dec. 6 (Jones photo)

The Choraliers sometimes told stories in their songs. This performance was telling the story of *The Phantom of the Opera* at the recruitment concert Feb. 26. The Choraliers competed at ISSMA and recieved a first (Jones photo)





Girls Glee Club-Front Row: Julie Ham, Meredith Knapp, Jennifer Parker, Amy Smith, Nicole Power, Amanda Flynn, Marilyn Evans. **Row 2:** Julie Bogue, Lana Smith, Holly Hostettler, Kelly Silverthorn, Kelli Koleck, Melissa Bunk. **Row 3:** Mr. Warren Miller (Director), Jennifer Hostettler, Jennifer Martus, Andrea Hoover, Tammy Scott, Danielle Lowenthal, Tammy Daum, Colleen McKee, Lisa Gibson.



Choraliers-Front Row: Carrie Martin, Todd Willis, Garth Miller, Jerry Truax, Andrea Hoover. **Row 2:** Matt Niite, Megan Donelli, Kendra Miller, Joella Singleton, Tammy Parks, Shannon Bogucki, Joe Posavac. **Row 3:** Angie Wells, Nicole Power, Julie Bogue, Tammy Scott, Kelly Silverthorn, Angie Coe, Holly Hostettler, Debbie Nofsinger. **Row 4:** Dan Vincent, Bob Tilford, George Walker, Mike Kalina, Jawad Javed, Jason Berman.

Singing is More Than Mee, Moh and Moo

by Vicky Machin and Jean Plunkett

Singing in front of an audience isn't always the same as singing in the shower. It takes hours of practice, hard work and dedication. The choirs participated in many contests and concerts to show just how much determination they possessed.

"At the Christmas Concert during the song 'Do You Hear What I Hear' we all forgot the words at the same time. I thought I was going to die," sophomore Tracy Barnard recalled about Concert Choir.

Amanda Reid, senior, described the first time she felt stage fright in Symphonic Choir. "At a solo/ensemble contest I was to sing a solo and all of a sudden I became nervous, shaky and tongue-tied. It was awful."

In order to perform well at the performances, hours of rehearsals were required. An hour in class began with "vocal warm-ups such as 'mah, meh, mee, moh and moo, do re mi's and so on," senior Sym-

phonic Choir member Cari Cotner explained. "After warm-ups, we get our music out and go through it doing solfeggio first (a voice practice with scales), then we use the words to the music. At a concert we usually sing three songs. Most of the songs we sing are from the 1600's," Cari said.

Amanda described how Mr. Warren Miller kept the class interesting. "Mr. Miller likes to crack corny jokes during class before warm-ups."

The choirs are also playing a part in future career choices for students. "I hope to become a composer because it is a broader field to 'make it' rather than performance," Bob Tilford, senior, said. Bob is involved in both Choraliers and Symphonic Choir.

Amanda said, "I plan to broaden my knowledge in the field, but not make it a full-time career. I use choir as a creative release."

After eight years of singing in a choir, Michelle Hooper, junior in Symphonic Choir confessed, "I just like to sing."



Latin Club-Front Row: Stephanie Thompson, Jean Walters, Amy Gregorash, Stacie Cook, Kathy Ring, Dusty Caudill. **Row 2:** Beth Cantrell, Aaron Akins, Quinn Koehler, Mike Keith, Tony Hammerstein, Derek Trinosky. **Row 3:** Heather Lorange, Jessica Fields, Bole Kirk, Mr. Bill Schott, Jawad Javed, Tim Simstad, Brenda Likavek, Randy Trent.



French Club-Front Row: Heather Baugh, Vicki Fisher, Jennie Volk, Crystal Henderson, Tonya Pride, Karly Melcher. **Row 2:** Kaylene Jones, Melissa Chavez, Dawn Haddon, Elizabeth Gaines, Rachael Glancy, Adam Sanchez, Jenna Mitchell. **Row 3:** Jason Mead, Laura Dunlop, Jeff Juszcak, David Jennings, Sara Covington, Barbara Thorn, Mr. David Masty.



Building a model of the La Louvre, Mr. David Masty, junior Jeff Juszcak and junior Laura Dunlop work on fall Homecoming hall decorations. (Miller photo)

Senior Heather Hammerski sets a block on the castle that the German club built for fall Homecoming. (Miller photo)





Spanish Club-Front Row: Crispin Block, Kim Bono, Yvonne Pedroza, Desiree Morales, Vickie Perez, Blanca Barajas, Linda Fierro, Eva DeJesus. **Row 2:** Ona Torres, Gloria Rodriguez, Celena Origel, Jackie Torres, Rosemarie Sosa, Irene Martinez, Susana Perez, Alissa Serrano. **Row 3:** Melissa Villanueva, Jennifer Mariani, Lora Phegley, Heather Moore, Aaron Marentes, Kelly Gilbert, Jason Arriaga, Antoinette Ortiz, Chris Nicholson, Mrs. Kathy Hites. **Row 4:** Melissa Tarin, Anthony DeJesus, Louis Ampelotes, Ed Rodriguez, Rick Barajas, Scottie Duke, Brian Daniels, Charmaine Perez.



German club Front row: Cyndi Lush, Tammy Daghy, Heather Hammerski, Scott Ainesworth. **Second row:** Melissa Spurlak, Beth Crowley, Kim Daniel, Rosemary Jefimenko, Angela Markos, Lisa Osterkamp. **Back row:** Brian Forst, Jeff Medley, Melinda Ahrens, Les Doepping, Mike Willard, Jim Rusnak.



Language clubs full of lawn bowling lunatics

by Shannon Cable

Anyone for lawn bowling?

Lawn bowling is a game played on a smooth lawn with wooden balls that are rolled to see which competitor can get them nearest to a target.

This year the French club participated in a Boules (lawn bowling) tournament. Several members placed in this tournament, including Jeff Juscak, junior, and Jason Mead, junior, who placed first.

The French Club also participated in their annual crepe Christmas party, sponsored the National Touring Company and several members earned French club letters. This was the first year the letters were awarded.

"I enjoyed working on Homecoming the best. I enjoyed the whole thing, the parade, the hall decorations, everything," junior Laura Dunlop said.

The Latin Club wasn't very active this year compared to other years. They also ate a lot of food. Amy Gregarosh, sophomore, said, "We didn't really do anything this

year. Next year we plan on going on lots of trips."

"We aren't having an overnighter this year because Mr. [William] Schott is moving," Amy said.

The German Club had planned on several trips and they fell through because of the death of Mrs. Ruth Harbret's mother. They did have a fund-raiser where they sold Gummy bears.

Junior Rosemarie Jefimenko said, "We held a hayride, but I didn't go. Everything else pretty much fell through."

Sophomore Lisa Osterkamp said, "We had a hayride at Halloween. We also had Homecoming decorations. We made a castle."

The Spanish club had many activities, including a Christmas trip to Chicago, a Christmas party and a year-end party. They also participated in Homecoming by making hall decorations and marching in the parade. "I liked the party at the end of the year because we got to just hang around with our friends. We ordered food and just hung out," junior Susana Perez said.

Facts and info.

Math Club was the first club to sell Little Caesar's pizza after school for \$1 per slice. The Math Club attended a White Sox vs. Oakland baseball game on Friday, May 31. The Science Club elected new members Sept. 20. Jackie Hazard, sophomore, was elected president.



Math Club sponsor Mr. Joseph Sparacino assists first year algebra student Mike Krizmanic, freshman. Mr. Sparacino has been teaching math classes at PHS for six years. (Evans Photo)



Juniors Mark Robbins and Amy Bell sell Little Caesar's pizza for the Math Club to the students for \$1. Pizza was sold April 29-May 2. (Crosslin Photo)

Senior Paul Ciciora works on the Math Club decoration for the Homecoming Hall Decorating contest. Many different clubs entered the competition. (Rea Photo)





Science Club-Front Row: Tracy Brown, Josie Gutierrez, Melissa Bunk.
Row 2: Kim Bono, Nicole Mangano, Erica Smith, Kelli Koleck, Brenda Likavec.
Row 3: Mr. Robert Gray, Gary Roubideau, Aaron Akins, Heather Moore, Kris Forst, Chris York.



Math Club-Front Row: Paul Ciciora, Sara Carington, Kristi Rea.
Row 2: Mr. Joe Sparacino, Andy Scholebo, Mark Robbins, Chris Ford, Mark Nomod. (Miller Photo)



Enjoyment of Academics Out of School

by Wendy J. Sanders

Many privileges go along with being a member of the Math Club. They took a Christmas trip to Chicago. While there they shopped at Water Tower Place, had lunch at Ed Debevic's and ate dinner at Pizzeria Uno. They sold donuts before school for two weeks and sold Little Caesar's pizza after school. On May 31 they attended the White Sox vs. Oakland baseball game. Also, they were a part of hall decorations for Homecoming.

The junior and senior team took 1st place at the calculator contest at I.U. Northwest. At the Jets Team Competition, the Varsity and J.V. both took third. They also participated in the State Math Contest and the Chesterton Math Contest.

Mr. Joe Sparacino, math teacher, was sponsor and junior Mark Robbins was the president. To be in the Math Club a student had to be enrolled in a math class.

The Science Club participated in only a few things this year but a canoe trip and more activities

were planned this summer. A meeting usually consisted of discussing what trips to go on and what money to use.

The Winter Homecoming Dance was sponsored by the Science Club.

Mrs. Donna Yaksic, science teacher, and six members of the Science Club took a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry to see a display called Chemistry Council.

Mr. Richard Mason, science teacher, was the sponsor and sophomore Jackie Hazzard was the president. Members had several reasons for being in the club. Sophomore Melissa Bunk said, "I took Mr. Mason's (summer school) classes and learned a lot. I thought club would be like summer school."

Science Club has advantages for the careers of the present members. Kris Forst, sophomore, said, "It is a useful club because science is all around us and all the things you've learned you can take with you."

Sophomore Brenda Likavec said, "I want a career in science."

Facts and Info.

The Thespians had monthly meetings all year.

To become a Thespian a student had to achieve points by working in shows, participating in them or selling advertisements to raise money.

The Speech team competed in Gary West and Kankakee Valley.



Senior John Pritchard and sophomore Tara Denk act on stage in *Feiffer's People*. Thespians had to accumulate a certain number of points from acting in plays and selling ads before being allowed in the club. (Miller Photo)



Thespians Club vice-president Liz Shield, senior, discusses the plans with the Thespians for the trip to a play in Chicago. (Miller Photo)



Preparing for a meet, Speech Team members Megan Donelli and Lubana Khan, seniors, rehearse their lines together. (Westmoreland Photo)



Speech Team-Front Row: Ms. Danni Mancusi, Corrie Donelli, Bessie Psihogios, Megan Donelli, Heather Hedstrom, Vanessa Dornbey, Mrs. Linda Hicks. **Row 2:** Amy Palitta, Freeda Psihogios, Trinity Brindza, Bill Hrdina, Dann Gue, Julie Ham, Michelle Gibson. **Row 3:** Tasha Reese, Wendy Radic, Christine Kish, RaeAnn Rockhill, Luke Fisher, Darren Schmidt, Jawad Javed, Erich Squire.



Thespians-Front Row: Adrienne C. Patty, John Pritchard, Liz Shield, Magen Donelli. **Row 2:** John Stafford, Dan Vincent, Lisa Dickerson, Nicole Power, Carrie Martin, Manlyn Evans. **Row 3:** Dave Jennings, Dann Gue, Darren Schmidt, Jawad Javed, Jenny Ozbolt, Josh Jordan, Jason Price, Dusty Sargent, Kris Forst, Brian Forst, Brian Guerre. (Westmoreland Photo)

Thespians, Speech Team Speak Up

by Deric Carr and
Caryn Peterson

Thespians. To some

this is a familiar term, to others this term is new and innovative. This group of dedicated individuals has been a tradition for many years.

The Thespians were a group of students who were involved in the theater. They went to Second City, a comedy club in Chicago, and sponsored school productions as well, including the Variety Show. Other activities they had were monthly meetings, a Christmas party and a banquet at the end of the year. Mr. Joe Stevens was the sponsor of this club. To become a Thespian one must achieve points by working shows, participating in them and selling advertisements.

Senior Megan Donelli said, "I earned points by working in the theater department under Mr. Stevens, working behind the scenes for the shows or being in them." Megan also said, "I enjoy it a lot because I love to be in the shows and I love drama."

Sophomore Nicole Power agreed with Megan. She said, "I

enjoy being active and around people who appreciate the theater as I do."

On a different note, the Speech team was also an active group of members this year. Mrs. Linda Hicks was the sole sponsor. The Speech team and the Thespians have been compared to each other. Senior and Thespian vice-president Liz Shield said, "Even though I'm not involved with the Speech team I think the two groups are related in the sense of wide use of communication skills."

The Speech team participated in meets and tournaments. Stage fright was a problem this year. The Speech meets consisted of three rounds of competition. Each student was ranked in order of how well they spoke by the number of competitors in the particular round.

The Speech team had meets in Munster, Chesterton and Valparaiso.

Senior RaeAnn Rockhill said, "I like it because I like to discuss world issues and I love a good argument."

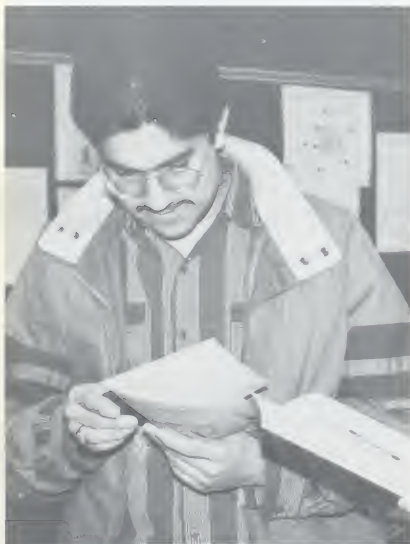
Facts and info.

Quill and Scroll had a banquet to induct new members and congratulate publications staffers May 8. The Honor Society banquet was April 18.

Honor Society had a blood drive Dec. 7. They collected 175 pints, which is twice as much as the year before.



Quill and Scroll-Front Row: Dan Miley, Janice Westmoreland, Maria Pallick, Kristi Rea, Liz Sheld, LeeAnn Ashby, Adrienne Patty. **Row 2:** Jean Plunkett, Nicole Scarbrough, Heather Lorange, Jenny Westerkamp, Tracey Westforth, Sheri Corrick, Melissa Lemond, JoLynn Rambo. **Row 3:** Caryn Peterson, Deric Carr, Rick Kinney, James Rusnak, Jeff Miller, Eric Miller, Kim Crosslin. (Torres Photo)



Jawad Javed, junior, looks over the pamphlets passed out for National Honor Society. The Honor Society had a new advisor this year, Mrs. Kathy Shrader. (Evans Photo)

Sheri Corrick, junior, inducts Jeff Miller, sophomore, into Quill and Scroll at the banquet May 8. Quill and Scroll sold leftover pictures to the student body May 23.





National Honor Society-Front Row: Brian Chadwick, Maria Pallick, Jenny Walker, Shannon Carno, Bessie Psighogios, Angel Coons, Amy Bell, Matt Smith. **Row 2:** Viren Patel, Angie Foster, Sheri Conrick, Jenny Westercamp, Dawn Ray, Michelle Roque, Andy Cradle, Luke Fisher. **Row 3:** Julie Witka, Peggy Johnson, Javad Javed, Mike Tosh, Marissa Krinkel, Heather Smith, Pam Moise, Nathaniel Chaddock. **Row 4:** Mrs. Kathy Shrader, Rayane Rockhill, Caleb Zelincik, Shelly Tayloor, Chad Kestner, Brian Murphy, Joe Guerre, Jim Rusnak. (Crosslin Photo)



Foreign Language Honor Society-Front Row: Julie Erdei, Nick Smith, Chris Nicholson, Stacy Adler, Megan Donelli, Brenda Likavec. **Row 2:** Sean Holland, Jim Rusnak, Sara Convington, Mike Barker, Rebecca Hess, Jenny Westercamp. **Row 3:** Eric McCorkle, Chrissy Wilson, Marisa Krenkel, Jessica Minton, Tom Manske, Heather Hedstrom, Teisha Chavez. **Row 4:** John Lumberse, Miles Sabin, Jason Head, Tim Schoenling, Caleb Marcinkovich, Darrel Taylor. (Jones Photo)



Different and Distinctive Kinds of Honors

by Jenny Westerkamp

One of the ways students excelled at PHS was in being selected to join one of the different honor societies. National Honor Society, which honored people for all around abilities such as leadership and character, became a more active organization. Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for student journalists, worked under a new adviser, Ms. Susanna E. Chappell. Foreign Language Honor Society expanded their membership. All of these diverse groups have serious, hardworking and dedicated students in common with each other.

National Honor Society inducted juniors into its organization in the spring of 1990 and also announced a new adviser, Mrs. Kathy Shrader. The group sponsored a blood drive, student-teacher exchange day and a banquet. The members made a video to promote the blood drive, many posters to advertise such things as donut sales, computer dating and recycling and some of the members made announcements in the

morning also.

Quill and Scroll started the year off by inducting new members and holding an induction ceremony in the Student Commons. The group also ate a dinner at the Spa. Journalistically, they submitted many entries to newspaper and year-book contests and took trips to conventions and contests. A banquet to honor the entire publication was held at the end of the year.

Foreign language honored sophomores through seniors in all the different languages at the end of the year. This group chooses students who have maintained an A/A- average for at least three consecutive semesters.

"We wanted to recognize people who had done outstanding in foreign language," Mrs. Ruth Harbrecht, foreign language department chairperson, commented. "We think it's worthwhile to honor the kids who have done so well."

Keeping Memories Alive

In publishing the **Legend** it has been our aim to present to our friends an invaluable book of memories of this year at Portage High School. In this undertaking we hope that we have succeeded, at least partially. We hope that, with the passing years this annuals will have even greater worth for you than it now has

(**Legend**, 1931).

Fifty years is a long time for a school to have a yearbook like the **Legend**. Technology, fashion and the students all create changes with time. The first published **Legend** was created in 1931, consisting of 88 pages printed by an engraver. The war ended publishing for ten years, meaning the next **Legend** wasn't seen until 1941.

Portage has matured since

1941. Starting from one school, to eight different buildings in the area. Portage High School has changed buildings also. From a one-room school to the building now found on Hwy. 6 founded in 1979.

Changes occur, and we, the **Legend** staff, are here in order to keep a record of them for our classmates to review in years to come.

Sophomore Wendie Cadie surrounds herself with her work in **Legend**. The **Legend** staff often came in to work during vacations and weekends. (Miller photo)

Typewriters weren't used very often during the year. Heather Griffith, junior, types a letter before the typewriters were sold for three new computers. (Jones Photo)



Assistant editor Sheri Connick, junior, organizes her work for **Legend**. This year 23 staffers worked together to create the 1991 yearbook for the students' memories. (Miller photo)

Kristi Rea, junior, and Chris Bradford, senior, try to fix one of the many problems that occur on the computers. This was the first year the Macintosh computers were used for everything in **Legend**. (Miller Photo)





Legend-Front Row: Wendie Cadle, Kim Crosslin, Dan Miley, Liz Shield, Louis Bain, Sheri Conrick. **Row 2:** Michele Clark, Nikki Scarbrough, Heather Lorange, Kristi Rea, Tracey Westforth, Jean Plunkett. **Row 3:** Caryn Peterson, Chris Bradford, Deric Carr, Dave Jennings, Vicky Machin. (Not pictured-Shannon Cable, Wendy Sanders, Heather Griffith) (Miller photo)



Fifty Years of Tradition and Excellence

by Sheri Conrick

How many things or people can say that they have been at Portage High School for fifty years?

Fifty years of covering the school and the city—that's what the tradition of the **Legend** has been. Where else can a student find the what their mother wore to prom?

"I think the yearbook can be used as a history book. The only inconsistency is that they stopped printing during World War II. I would have liked to see those books," Jean Plunkett, senior, said.

Many things go into the making of a yearbook that it's doubtful many students even think of. The arrangement of pages is designed before the year even starts. **Legend** is similar to a full time job for the students who take this class. They not only give up one hour a day in their class schedule but also to put in time after school. Some students also came in on vacations and on weekends. Other students gave up time on their summer vacation and winter vacation to plan the book at Indiana University-Bloomington at the High School Journalism Institute. Dur-

ing the summer the editors meet with new first year adviser Ms. Susanna E. Chappell to plan some basic goals for the year.

"It's something I enjoy doing and it's the only talent I have. I play the violin too but this is more fun," sophomore Shannon Cable said.

"I don't mind the time. I feel it's necessary because if you're going to get any thing accomplished you're going to have to stay after to get it done," Nikki Scarbrough, junior, said.

The staff also feels an incredible responsibility to the school since this is the fiftieth book.

Editor in Chief Tracey Westforth, "The staff worked hard to make this book one of the best since it will be a special keepsake."

Heather Lorange, junior, said, "It's exciting to take part in something that people will treasure for the rest of their lives."

Other students feel that they do it for themselves, not the school.

Dan Miley, senior, said, "It's just something that I like to do because I might choose to do it as a profession later."



Saga-Front Row: Lisa Hoover, Heather Franz, Tanya Branshaw, Jessica Shreve, Jennifer Gaboian, Darrell Taylor. **Row 2:** Tina Sander, Charles Hinson, Jennifer Moore, Carol Slinker, Rachael Glancy. **Row 3:** Stacey Lance, Angie Vukovich, Cristine Kish, Jennifer Martin, Jennifer Rose, Erica Smith. (Crosslin photo)



Pow Wow-Front Row: LeeAnn Ashby, Jennifer Westerkamp, JoLynn Rambo, Melissa Lemond, Wendy David. **Row 2:** Linda Tuncay, Staci Cool, Todd Summar, Rick Kinney. **Row 3:** Mike Pappas, James Updike, Jon Fiebelkorn, Jeff Miller, Brian Forst. (Miller photo)



Juniors Janice Westmoreland and Marissa Jones, photographers, examine their pictures for one of the staffs. The photography staff was responsible for supplying pictures to all the staffs. (Miller photo)

Senior Pow Wow staffer Rick Kinney writes an editorial for the Opinion Section. Seventeen issues of Pow Wow were distributed every other Friday throughout the year. (Miller photo)





Photographers-Front Row: Marissa Jones. **Row 2:** Crystal Torres, Kim Crosslin, Sherry Evans, Eric Miller. **Row 3:** Janice Westmoreland, James Rusnak. (Miller photo)



News Bureau. Renee Munoz, JoAnne Scott, Maria Pallick. (Crosslin photo)

Passing Moments of the Publications Staffs

by Vicky Machin and Jean Plunkett

Spending your evenings in Room 152 could mean pizza for some publication staffers, but to most it meant taking the time to complete their assignments. Even though after school sessions usually meant hard work, staffers were still determined to have fun. Staffers were expected to continue working to finish their publication, often leaving hours past when the school doors were locked and the hallways vacated.

Pow Wow published 17 issues of the school newspaper, distributing to the students every other Friday. With paste-up, pasting the copy and pictures on paste-up boards for the printer, every other Monday until an average of 6 p.m., most students were expected to plan around their schedule around it.

"God! It's crazy! But once you get the hang of *Pow Wow* it's okay," Jennifer Howell, sophomore, commented.

Saga is a magazine consisting of stories, poems and pictures

written by students throughout the school and chosen and voted on by volunteers. Unlike all other student publications participants, *Saga* did not have Journalism I as a prerequisite.

News Bureau writes articles about PHS that "showed off" the good points of the school. News Bureau is considered the public relations group of the school and sent stories that they wrote to many newspapers in the area.

Maria Pallick, senior, commented, "The fact that News Bureau is a small staff we still get along very well."

A photographer's duty is to take pictures and develop them. Picture ideas are assigned to them by the photo editor who relays requests between staffers and photographers.

Senior *Pow Wow* staffer Wendy David said, "I like to see my name in print, but I wouldn't want to do it every day of my life."

"It's a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to learn," Jeff Miller, sophomore *Pow Wow* staffer said.

Facts and info.

● This was the first year for the Literary Club. It was started at the end of the year by Mr. Jason Cope.

● The president of STOP was senior Jennifer York.

● SADD went to elementary schools to put on plays about drinking and driving.



Mr. Jason Cope, English teacher, started the Literary Club in the middle of second semester. One of the things they did was to watch movies. Some of the movies they watched were *Ex Caliber* and *Blade Runner*. (Torres Photo)



David Saviola, junior, conducts a SADD meeting with gavel at hand. SADD tried to prevent people from drinking and driving. (Crosslin Photo)

Kristie Hill and Tom Baldridge, sophomores, concentrate on what Mr. Jason Cope is saying about a book they read. The Literary Club discussed books with Mr. Cope that they voted on to read while munching on snacks after school. (Torres Photo)





Literary Club-Front Row: Brenda Likavek, Kristie Hill. **Row 2:** Mr. Jason Cope, Tom Baldridge, Steve Labus. (Torres Photo)



STOP Club-Front Row: Tanya Shubat, Sherry Evans, Trinity Brindza, Mrs. Estelle Chaddock, Jennifer York, Amy Stanley, Ron Aleman. **Row 2:** Bonnie Byrd, Amy Simola, Milo Johnson, Steph Catheman, Heather Moore, Stacey Hardin, Lisa Wilson, Erich Squire. **Row 3:** John Adamski, Scott Vuko, Chad Kestner, Donovan DeGaetano, A.J. Monroe, Joe Guerre, Micah Pokorney, Jason Phillips. (Rusnak Photo)



The Fight Against Drugs and Alcohol

by Wendy J. Sanders

Drug abuse and drunk driving are very sensitive subjects for teenagers to discuss, but for students who are part of Students Taking On Problems (STOP), it's becoming a little easier not to surrender to peer pressure, a major cause of substance abuse. Students in STOP learned ways to make intelligent decisions in various negative situations and to avoid being pressured into actions they might regret later. STOP's aim was getting teens to keep drug free and positive values.

Junior Chad Kestner remarked, "(You) can show people that you can be successful and drug free."

Being only the second year for STOP, Mrs. Estelle Chaddock acted as sponsor with senior Jennifer York as president.

Members didn't just benefit themselves through their involvement in STOP as junior Trinity Brindza said, "We are there to help others. Because of STOP, I've chosen to be a peer counselor."

The club also helps with a program called Pals. Students from

the club show new students around the school during the first weeks they are here to help them get better acquainted with the school. The program is the brain child of Mr. Lowell Johnson, head of guidance.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) doesn't try to preach against drunk driving but they try to show students through their words and their actions that they can have a great time without being intoxicated.

SADD occasionally went to some of the elementary schools in the area and put on plays for the students about drinking and driving.

SADD, which has been an intricate part of many of the members lives, is important to junior Wendy Sulich because she has known a few people who have been injured or killed in drunk driving related accidents.

Sophomore Jim Pantell commented, "There are so many kids that drink that I think they should be informed about the effects."

Facts and Info.

Brush and Palette traveled to the Visual and Performing Arts Building in Valparaiso April 24.

D.R.A.W. was a new name for Art Block, standing for Drastically Radical Artistic Wonders. Mr. Joseph Gabriel Koss was the sponsor for D.R.A.W.



Carrie Varner, sophomore, and Rhonda Jones, freshman, listen to Miss Annette Kulmatycki give advice on art and drawing.



Mr. Joseph Koss watches over Gus Crews, junior, painting his oil painting for D.R.A.W. D.R.A.W. spent most of their time painting pictures and studying art. (Westmoreland Photo)

Freshman Rhonda Jones, Brush and Palette member, and Miss Annette Kulmatycki make paper cranes for world peace. With the help of other art students 120 were made. (Miller Photo)





D.R.A.W.-Front Row: David McLain, Michelle McConnell, Gus Crews, Marissa Jones, John Zack. **Row 2:** Jay Badgely, Mr. Joseph Koss, Estaban Relez.



Brush and Palette-Front Row: Kristi Hill, Carie Varner, Michelle Elkins, Rhonda Jones. **Row 2:** Renae DePerio, Karly Melcher, Tanya Pride, Charlotte Pyke. **Row 3:** Miss Kulmatycki, Jennifer Dennis, Matt Johnson, Amy Garris, Lori Wolf.



Something New and Interesting

by Chris Bradford

After school most people go to jobs or go to a practice. However, there are a few who are involved in clubs that meet at least once every month after school. Among the variety of clubs there are two that stick out as being unique, the Brush and Palette and D.R.A.W. clubs.

D.R.A.W. which stands for Dramatically Radical Artistic Wonders, was the new name for the old club Art Block. The club members came up with the name for themselves.

"I joined (D.R.A.W.) because I'm interested in art and I like to look at and create art," said Marissa Jones, junior. She added, "The club provides free time to create new things and to learn how to do new art techniques."

The Brush and Palette club is not just an ordinary art club, there are many differences. They do more than just paint and draw, they gather together in a group and discuss the meaning of art. One of their major sources for rallying inspiration, taking field trips, is used in their drawings and paint-

ings. On April 24, they traveled to the Visual and Performing Arts Building in Valparaiso where they observed and took in the sights.

Carie Varner said that Brush and Palette was created to give students a chance to make a difference in the manner that art is presented and looked at throughout the school.

"After being involved with the club for two years, I've found the things I liked most were the field trips," Carie said.

Because of other activities after school, students found it hard to make club meetings. "I joined the club this year, but orchestra has kept me from most of the meetings. Therefore, I haven't been able to go to most of the club activities," senior Anita Rubalcava, said. "I liked the people and the ideas that we came up with for trips most about the club," she added.

Ben Brajcki, sophomore, said "My involvement with Brush and Palette will help me in the future to observe art and understand it's meaning."

Facts and Info.

- Ski Club traveled to Timber Ridge and Cannonsburg, both in Michigan.
- FCA held a t-shirt sale open to members for \$6 in February.
- FCA had open gym nights once a month, with indoor sports such as table tennis and volleyball.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes could be found in the Commons at a usual meeting. These members, including seniors Mike Francesconi and Scott Vuko, are waiting for this meeting to begin. (Rusnak Photo)



Seniors Jason Robertson, Ron Aleman and Kelli Mattix count up their points for the FCA scavenger hunt. In an hour members collected 525 items of food for the Salvation Army. (Crosslin Photo)

Mr. Bob Mattix, sponsor, and senior Kelli Mattix work side by side as they discuss possibilities of Bible Camp at one of their Spring meetings. (Torres Photo)





FCA-Front Row: Micah Pokorney, Milo Johnson, Mike Francesconi, Scott Vuko, Jenny Fisher. **Row 2:** Mr. Bob Mattix, Kristi Conrick, Marisa Krenkel, Christine Minick, Luke Fisher, Brad Cain. **Row 3:** Candy Modesto, Kurt Mattix, Kent Fisher.



Ski Club-Front Row: Mrs. Paula Wiese, Rich Slawinski, Marissa Jones, Toby Perez, Jote Toftaker. **Row 2:** Bill Hrdina, Bryan Read, Thad Hadley, Sherry Evans.

Doing Things for the Excitement of It

by Jean Plunkett

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Ski Club both feature students that enjoy athletics without the pressure of competing for awards.

The FCA organized activity nights when students could play sports for entertainment and exercise, while the Ski Club journeyed to different slopes in the Midwest to enjoy one of their favorite pastimes.

"I decided to join FCA because I thought it would be rewarding to associate with other athletes in an atmosphere other than that of a playing field, and I was right," Hal Kilgore, senior, said. "FCA gives you an opportunity to strengthen your spiritual being while at the same time a chance to form friendships that last a lifetime," he added.

"Discussing religious matters with my school and friends is the main topic each meeting," said Milo Johnson, "but each month there was an open gym night—those were a blast!"

Besides the open gym night, some FCA activities included a t-

shirt sale, a food drive and a scavenger hunt at the end of the year.

Hal said his favorite project was the food drive. "It was held in the middle of the winter and we went door-to-door freezing our butts off. But when I went with (then coordinator) Mr. Keith Hipskind to deliver the food to the Salvation Army, it was worth it."

"I joined the Ski Club because I have been skiing since I was just a kid," Jote Toftaker, senior, said. "I love the sport and I think everyone should have a chance to try it."

"Since I live in Norway I'm used to mountains and bigger slopes. Therefore I thought the Pines was too small," Jote said.

"We wanted to go to Wisconsin, but that's expensive and it also takes three hours, and the time we spend on the bus we could spend on the slopes," Mrs. Paula Wiese, Ski club sponsor, said. "We really have a good time skiing and some years we've even done slalom racing. It's usually hard to get everybody back on the bus."

Facts and info.

● Juniors Tim Mattix and Sheri Conrick were accepted for World Affairs, held in June at University of Wisconsin

● The photo club went to the Chicago Art Institute May 18.

● The students chosen for World Affairs will have the chance to meet other teens from different countries.



The photo club sat together in the Art Institute looking out the window posing for a picture for Mr. Shearer. Pictures like this were typical of the photo club.



Aiming and focusing, Sherry Evans, senior, takes a picture. The photo club took their own pictures and developed them as an after-school activity.



Sophomores Renae DePerio and Tanya Pride observe the view over the ledge at the Chicago Art Institute looking for photo possibilities.



Boys' and Girls' State/World Affairs-Front Row: Jawad Javed, Sheri Conrick, John Zack, Roberto Leon. **Row 2:** Marissa Krenkel, Nicole Scarbrough, Wendy Sulich, Kim Crosslin. **(Torres Photo)**



Photo Club-Front Row: Dawn Meyer, Sherry Evans. **Row 2:** Janice Westermoreland, Renae DePerio, Marissa Jones. **Row 3:** Melanie Hosteller, Cindy Valenti, Mr. Richard Shearer, Melanie Marsden, Jenni Wright.



Politics and Pictures, Important Segments

by Chris Bradford

Housed in Whitewater at the University of Wisconsin, only the top two students from each school, who applied for World Affairs, are accepted. This year Sheri Conrick and Tim Mattix, juniors, will be attending the elite function.

"To apply, you get an application and you have to get teacher votes, and whoever gets the most teacher votes gets to go. That's how I got nominated," Sheri said.

"World Affairs is a week that a high school student has an opportunity to meet students from different countries like Australia and China while learning from professors about foreign activities," said Milo Johnson, senior, who attended the gathering with senior Kelli Mattix last year. "You also meet a lot of foreign women," he added.

"It was great. We met all kinds of new and different people," Kelli said.

"I met all kinds of people and girls, girls and girls; however, the seminars got repetitious, day after

day," Milo said.

"I'm preparing for World Affairs by studying the information that was sent to me about topics that will be discussed at group seminars," Sheri said.

"I learned that life styles, although different, are the same," Milo added.

On the other end of the stick, there is the Photography Club. The president is Sherry Evans and the vice-president is Janice Westermoreland. "The Photography club is where students, who are interested in photography, get together and improve their skills," Mr. Richard Shearer, head of the photo club, said.

"I like the club because it's fun to go out and to take pictures of nature and people doing things," Edgar Bautista, junior, said.

The Photography Club went out to a certain places in the wilderness for class projects and took pictures of streams, woods, beaches, etc. Some students say, though, that the only disadvantage to the club is that it can become very expensive.

Highway 6 says:

"The community and school are directly related. We need the community to support the school so that we can continue with sports next year," senior Les Doepping said.

Another group that held a car wash to earn money was the pom pon squad. Debbie Bedome, junior, washed many cars to help support her squad. (Evans photo)



Our community and school make the right combination

by Sheri Cornick

Students are not the only people located on the Banks of Highway 6. There are also many businesses such as auto stores, food stores and K-Mart, which is approximately three quarters of a mile down Highway 6.

Students also participated in community activities. The Marching Band sponsored a car wash on May 18 to earn money to fund their activities.

There are also many events that the school is involved in that benefit the community. The National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored the Red Cross Blood drive. In addition NHS was in charge of sponsoring the recycling program. They put red bins in every classroom to save the paper for recy-

cling. Another new addition made by this program is the reusable plastic cups, used for milk shakes, in the cafeteria.

The Student Council was in charge of the Secret Pal program in which teachers were asked to bring gifts to donate to the Toys for Tots program. The Student Council also participated in a program at Christmas time to send gifts to the children of prisoners.

Senior Ron Aleman was in charge of the Thanksgiving Food Drive, along with senior Milo Johnson. The food drive not only used high school students but also the neighboring elementary and middle schools. It raised over 16,000 cans exceeding last years total by 700 cans. (Evans Photo)

Cookies are a gift of cheer from home. The home economics students baked many cookies to mail across the ocean to cheer up the troops. Freshmen Charolette Pyke and Stephan Pollart participated during their third hour class. (Jones photo)





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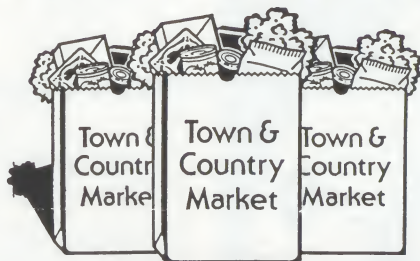
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Seniors Beth Brechner and Chance Hodges take time out from their daily ritual of work to pose for a picture. (Westmoreland photo)



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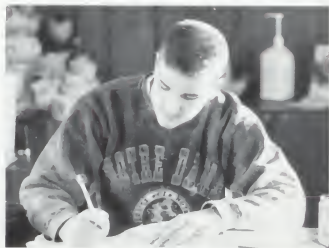
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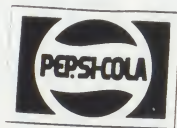
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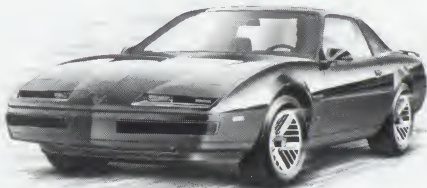
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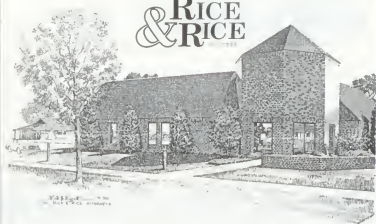
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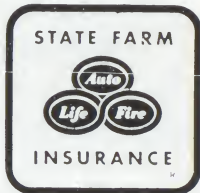
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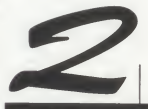
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Highway 6 says:

"This is for everyone, especially the seniors, have a good life you deserve it!" senior Joe Young said.

The Christmas season was celebrated many ways by students on the Banks of Highway 6. During 9th hour the Choraliers walked around the school and sang Christmas carols to the classes. They also made appearances throughout the community. Seniors Jarret Spence and John Vacklavik were part of this spirited group. Other groups, such as Student Council, added to the Christmas spirit by setting up a Christmas tree in the commons. (Evans photo)



Eventful school year closes, many new traditions begin

by Tracey Westforth

The end of the school year meant something different to everyone. For seniors, it meant the end of one world and the start of another. For underclassmen, it meant a three month break from school before they returned to start another year.

The second outdoor graduation was planned for the Class of 1991. They followed in the previous year's footsteps by graduating on the football field.

One era that came to a close was that of senior Jason Casiano. Jason won five state championships in Cross Country and Track and broke an unofficial national record in the 1600 at his senior sectional track meet.



One organization that became more involved was the National Honor Society. They sponsored a student/teacher exchange day, started a recycling program for aluminum and paper. Unfortunately, the paper part was cut short because the city of Portage discontinued it's paper collection.

The school year brought the end to many eras but the beginning to many traditions that can be continued for years to come.

Cooperation and unity were the two ingredients that led the Indians to a sectional victory. The team's spirit was raised when they formed a huddle before each game. The huddle psyched up the team and got the adrenaline pumping. (Rusnak photo)

The unsung heroes of PHS were the student trainers. These students worked behind the scenes to keep athletes physically prepared for competition. Junior Brian Watson tapes junior Walter Sandoval's ankle before he starts practice. (Jones photo)



Coach Les Klein consoles senior **George Mamounas** after the 14-24 loss to Valpo. There were many memories made on the Banks of Highway 6 during the 1990-91 school year that will live in the hearts and minds for many years to come. (Miller photo)







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